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DEFENDER READERS EXPRESS THEIR OPINION ON CAPITAL PUNISHMENT

In the May 1960 issue of *The Defender* an article was published under the caption, "Do You Favor Capital Punishment?" Readers were urged to express their convictions after studying both sides of the controversy. Your editors were pleased with the response ... and wish to share with you a few of the comments from those who replied.

Almost every State in the Union, as well as the Provinces of Canada, was represented in the poll. It was interesting to note that nearly twenty-five per cent of the expressions came from California, which was at that time the center of the controversy.

The final tabulations showed the following results:

51.5% For Capital Punishment
47.5% Against Capital Punishment
1.0% Neutral

From the comments of those who were for capital punishment, the following quotations were gleaned:

From Long Beach, California: "I stand with God and the Bible and demand capital punishment."

From Cedartown, Georgia: "I believe capital punishment is necessary to protect society from the virus of crime, which is certainly contagious. It would be a tragedy and a disservice to society to abolish it."

From Ocean Grove, New Jersey: "All subjects are debatable and if one is left to himself to heed the arguments, he might be led astray in his decisions. The safest way is to cling close to the Word of God."

From Wheaton, Illinois: "The article disregarded what the Bible says."

From Kansas City, Missouri: "I sincerely believe that a large part of our national difficulty is brought about by thinking in terms of sentiment rather than logic, and trying to interpret the Bible according to man's opinions rather than God's."

From Arlington, California: "The death penalty is not punishment. The criminal will get his punishment in Hell Fire. We use the death penalty on criminals to rid society of a menace."

From Baltimore, Maryland: "We think the question is not so appropriately stated 'Do you favor' or 'Does someone else favor,' but rather 'Does God sanction capital punishment?' It is what God's Word says, and not what any number of men think."

From Taholah, Washington: "After sin came into the world, then came corruption and violence. It repented the Lord that he had made man and so he destroyed all but one family. Then in the ninth chapter of Genesis God ordained capital punishment and made men the executioner. So it is found through the entire Bible, from the first to the last Book."

From Davenport, Iowa: "A life for a life will never bring back a life, but a life for a life will save many another life because as J. Edgar Hoover says: 'The only deterrent to crime is the severity of the punishment'."

From Pasadena, California: "I was surprised to see the article against capital punishment. If you want to be fair now print one for it. I am sure most decent people here in California are for the law. Too many criminals are getting away with murder. Instead of getting easier on them, let's get tougher and there will be less crime."

Many who were for capital punishment referred your editors to various Scripture passages, such as:

Genesis 9:6	**Numbers 35:16-18**
Exodus 20:13	**Numbers 35:29-31**
Exodus 21:12,14,16	**Deuteronomy 5:17**
Leviticus 20:10	**Matthew 22:7**
Leviticus 24:17	**I Peter 4:15**
Revelation 13:10	

The following quotations are taken from the comments of those who are against capital punishment:

From Portland, Oregon: "Death ends the opportunity of a soul to find God. He has saved some of the greatest of sinners. Suppose Paul the Apostle had been executed for his murders! He was 'executed' for his love of Jesus."

From Kankakee, Illinois: "What about the person who drops the poison in the acid, knowing it will take another man's life. Is not he more guilty than the person who killed outright? To me he has to answer for murder."

From Albion, Indiana: "If we had more love and charity and humility, and less pride and arrogance and covetousness, which is idolatry, maybe we would have less crime."

From Mason City, Iowa: "We have never believed in capital punishment. God alone giveth life and we think no man has a right to take it away."

From Crannell, California: "I am against capital punishment. If there was justice in the courts I would change my viewpoint but I have observed through the years that the poor suffer capital punishment while the rich get out of it."

From Cameron, North Carolina: "All electric chairs and gas chambers should be done away with, and all murders should be given life sentences. In that way they can learn something useful, and turn to God."

From Chicago, Illinois: "I vote 'No' to capital punishment. The prisoner should be converted first. If they are taken out of the body before conversion, they will probably return in a new body and commit sin all over again."

One reader from Ontario, California took a neutral position, backing it up with this suggestion: "Each State should have a big farm set aside for life termers, where they could make their own living, thus taking them off the taxpayers' shoulders. Our answer is neither Yes or No but Neutral."

Some who expressed their convictions castigated your editors, feeling that we were prejudiced in the way the two viewpoints were presented in the article, suggesting that we were attempting to "sway" the poll one way or another. This, of course, was not our intention.

In future issues of *The Defender* we plan to present other controversial subjects in a similar manner. Be sure to watch for them.

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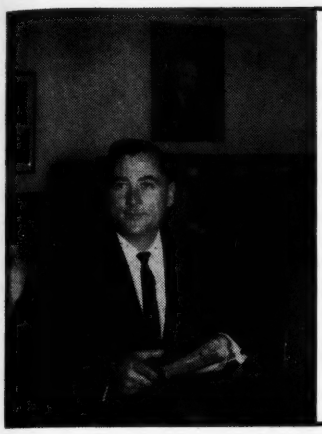

OKLAHOMA CITY--
Heartland of Mid-America

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Upon announcement early in 1889 that a section of central Oklahoma was to be opened to settlement, many thousands of homestead seekers gathered on its borders, awaiting the trumpet signal at noon permitting entrance.

By nightfall claims had been staked throughout the entire section. The heaviest concentration was on the site of present Oklahoma City. Where only four small buildings stood that morning, a large number of tents and huts reposed at dusk.

Today, seventy-one years later, the metropolitan area of Oklahoma City boasts a population exceeding half a million. Its beautiful Civic Center is surrounded by impressive "skyscrapers." The climate is pleasant, educational facilities excellent, churches abundant. Industry is diversified, including oil, agricultural, and livestock products.

But why describe Oklahoma City? For this reason: In November, 1959 I was elected to the Presidency of the Defenders of the Christian Faith. My home and business are located in Oklahoma City.

After much prayer and many conferences, it was decided that numerous advantages would accrue to the Defenders if a portion of the executive, editorial and advertising work could be done there, thus relieving the crowded condition at Wichita headquarters, and limiting the need for so much travel on my part.

A small, unpretentious office has been secured to handle a considerable amount of these details. This plan also opens the way for future expansion of Defender work.

The times are so strenuous and the needs of people for spiritual aid become greater each year. We must expand if we are to continue the task our Lord has set before us, "Preach the gospel, be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort, with all long-suffering and doctrine." (II Timothy 4:2)

Since 1925 the Defenders organization has maintained International Headquarters in Wichita, Kansas. The Defender Building, located at Poplar and Douglas, stands as a monument to the memory of Dr. Gerald B. Winrod, whose vision of world needs and whose sacrificial consecration led to the founding of the Defenders of the Christian Faith. From this building, working in conjunction with the printing plant located on North Main Street, many tons of literature pour each year into all corners of the earth.

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For many years Defender service to God and fellowmen has included publishing Christian and patriotic magazines, books, pamphlets and tracts; sponsoring missions, both at home and abroad; an effectual radio ministry; evangelism in various fields; and personal aid to multitudes through prayer and counseling.

So extensively has this work increased that more working room is a vital necessity if growth is to continue. Opening this branch office in Oklahoma City relieves the congestion somewhat and enables me to enter more fully into my responsibilities. However, as mentioned above, all other phases of the work will still be handled from Wichita ... subscriptions, contributions, correspondence, counseling, missions, merchandise transactions ... all will be cared for by Wichita Headquarters.

Rejoice with us that God is so leading and blessing that opportunities for service constantly increase. This is because of your faithful and dedicated prayers and financial aid. We desire your continued intercession, that He may use us all more and more unto His glory and the translation of many souls into the kingdom of His dear Son.

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"WHAT MANNER OF MAN IS THIS?"

An Appraisal Of Senator John F. Kennedy

EARLY IN CHRIST'S ministry He amazed His followers by performing a great miracle. Boarding a fishing vessel, accompanied by His disciples, He voiced a desire to cross to the other side of the Sea of Galilee.

Shortly after embarking, tremendously weary and finding a quiet corner of the boat, Jesus lay down on a pile of fish nets and fell asleep.

It was not long until a violent tempest arose. The winds blew, while the very heavens opened up their portals to clothe that portion of Galilee in a watery gown.

Matthew, who was there as a first-hand observer, reports that the tempest became so violent that "the ship was covered with the waves: but he (Christ) was asleep."

The disciples were alarmed. Had their Leader brought them out on this wild sea journey to perish? They debated whether or not to disturb Him but wisdom left them no choice. Rushing to His side, they called out frantically, "Lord, save us: we perish."

Jesus, quickly taking in the situation, arose, upbraided the disciples for their lack of faith, stretched His masterful hands over the angry sea, and spoke. The change was instantaneous and decisive.

The vicious winds (no doubt sent on their destructive mission by Satan, the Prince of the Power of the Air), quickly fled from this Master of the Universe. The waves became gentle, subsided, and calmly carressed the sides of the boat.

After this miraculous event, the disciples, scratching their heads in amazement, "marvelled, saying, What manner of man is this?" They thought they knew their Lord, understood all the facets of His personality ... yet they were surprised.

A few days before this issue of *The Defender* went to press the Democratic Convention met in Los Angeles, California for the purpose of choosing a candidate who would lead their Party back to the White House. (The Republicans have not met as of this writing.)

The 1960 Convention was noteworthy for one thing — an abundance of aspirants to the Presidency. Yet many political experts are still catching their breath at the *blitzkreig* campaign conducted by John Fitzgerald Kennedy.

Men who had far more years of experience and know-how to their credit, shook their heads in amazement and disbelief as this youthful Senator overrode all opponents. They too, but for obviously different reasons, must have asked the age-old question, "What manner of man is this?"

Three Strikes — But Not Out

In spite of his phenomenal strength as had been indicated in various Primaries across the nation, the Senator from Massachusetts entered the arena in Los Angeles with three strikes against him. Any other man, possessing a less tenacious spirit, would have bowed out long before the actual balloting.

First, he is a relatively young man. Teddy Roosevelt was the only other Junior Citizen ever to earn a ticket to the highest honor the American people can bestow on anyone.

Ignoring the open rift between Kennedy and former President Harry Truman, despite the counseling of revered party leaders such as Eleanor Roosevelt, the Convention paid little heed to the wooing of such men as Lyndon Johnson, Stuart Symington and Adlai Stevenson ... all of whom were considered top-notch in their ability to secure votes. The conventioneers evidently were not too concerned about his relative youth.

As if this was not enough of a hurdle to jump, young Kennedy also is guilty of being immensely wealthy. No one seems to quite know just what his financial assets are. Not only he, but other members of the Kennedy clan, appear to have a knack for attracting money their way.

This, of course, is no crime ... but is quite a change from the usual standard of American politics. One hundred years ago, for instance, the Republicans nominated a humble, self-educated man who had been born in a log cabin. But in 1960 wealth does not appear to be a stigma for aspiring candidates!

His third, and perhaps most formidable obstacle, was his religion. He is, as the entire world knows by now, a Roman Catholic. Not since the days of Al Smith has such a furor been raised in various camps over this issue.

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Democrats with memories as long as that of the proverbial Republican elephant, warned, pleaded, cautioned, and endeavored to cajole the 1960 Convention to study the records ... but all to no avail.

Even before the Party "Greats" had assembled in Los Angeles, various Protestant groups had served notice that they would in no way support a Roman Catholic for the Presidency. Several went on record, warning their constituents of the seriousness of voting for such a candidate. Their followers number into the millions of voters.

The basic concern of the Protestants is that, once a Roman Catholic is elected, he would allow his decisions affecting the welfare of our nation to be swayed by surreptitious tentacles reaching out from Vatican City. They fear that the age-old idea of complete separation of Church and State might go down the drain, once such a man is put into this high office.

Kennedy Tackles The Religious Problem

In an obvious effort to overcome such thinking, Senator Kennedy, in his acceptance address before the Democratic Convention, said among other things:

"I hope that no American, considering the really critical issues facing this country, will waste his franchise by voting either for me or against me solely on account of my religious affiliation."

He assured his hearers that "My decisions on every public policy will be my own — as an American, a Democrat and a free man." Only time will determine the accuracy of his statement.

This young man, with three strikes against him, proved to be a political genius. He out-maneuvered his opponents on every hand. His pre-Convention strategy paid off.

He traveled extensively, forsaking the hallowed halls of the Senate Office Building, visiting as many States as possible. But this was not enough. He also relied on voluminous correspondence. One of his managers explains how his philosophy worked:

"Wherever he went, we always got the names of all those at the dinners. They all got letters. We built a 'grass roots' file and a political file. Today the political file holds forty-thousand names broken down into seven categories — governors, congressmen, state chairmen and so on. And we've had five-thousand delegate cards loaded with pertinent information."

Christ's disciples, the men who should have known Him best, stood around scratching their heads and pulling their beards, marveling at the abilities of the Saviour.

In almost similar awe, politicians of far greater stature stood in the Convention Hall at Los Angeles, scratching their heads and wondering just what kind of a man John Fitzgerald Kennedy is.

A widely experienced news correspondent describes him as follows: "He is pleasant to know; he has some very admirable qualities. But he is not easy to know. He does not expose his private self readily. He has the apparent ebullience of youth but his ebullience is always under control. He is a cool individual . . .

"He has political courage and political stamina. He doesn't wilt under pressure and he is not afraid to take a definite political stand. He is more disposed to speak out than to hedge but rarely does he commit himself without deliberation . . .

"He has an excellent mind, alert, probing, usually objective. He uses it. He often relies on others to furnish him basic facts. He does not rely on others to do his thinking . . .

"He has an indomitable, even relentless, ambition to be President of the United States. He is neither shy nor retiring nor particularly modest nor humble. He is totally self-confident."

The Voters Must Decide

Kennedy succeeded in overcoming the three liabilities mentioned above, as far as the Democratic Convention was concerned. But to tackle the voters of America will be quite a different story.

On many occasions he will be called on to answer for one or more of these points, especially on the religious issue. A few days after his nomination, a leading newspaper, pleading for tolerance in the coming campaign, said:

"This is not to say that Senator Kennedy's membership in the Roman Catholic faith should not be questioned. There are numerous questions which honest Protestants and others will wish to raise; they should be allowed to do so without being denounced as bigots."

The Democratic nominee for the Presidency of the United States possesses a striking personality. During the weeks ahead he will be certain to unveil many surprises for the American voters.

As we observe his actions on television, as we study his remarks in the press, we will no doubt pause at times to ask ourselves, "What manner of man is this?"

But study him well. Watch him closely. Weigh his words carefully. Above all, be much in prayer, asking God's guidance as you cast your ballot in this coming election, perhaps the most important one in all of our nation's history. The destiny of the world rides on your decision and mine!

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MAJOR GEORGE Racey Jordan startled the nation the evening of December 2, 1949, on a coast-to-coast broadcast sponsored by Fulton Lewis, Jr. . . . in which he traced treason directly from Moscow to Washington.

Announcements were made a short time later that he planned to publish a book on the subject. The volume came from the press shortly thereafter and has enjoyed a consistently healthy circulation from the time it was first released.

Since the recent U-2 incident, increased interest in the subject of spy planes has been noted. Those who were puzzled at our government's use of such methods to obtain vital information, will be floored after reading "From Major Jordan's Diaries."

It tells an amazing story of how the Russians found it unnecessary to resort to U-2 planes. They literally walked off with everything, including the proverbial "kitchen sink," during the heyday of the Lend-Lease program. Under the cloak of "diplomatic immunity," Soviet agents shipped out of our country, right under the noses of officials whose hands were tied, military secrets, together with supplies which were vital to our own defense.

Major Jordan has appeared twice before the House Committee on Un-American Activities. His story has been thoroughly sifted . . . and the diaries which he kept have been meticulously examined, without a single discrepancy being discovered.

In his Preface he states: "My reason for writing this book is very simple: I would like to keep the record straight. I want to put in permanent form the full story of my experiences as a Lend-Lease expediter and liaison officer with the Russians . . ."

The opening scene of the first chapter is laid at the airport at Newark, New Jersey, where Major Jordan was stationed. It was his duty to expedite shipment of Lend-Lease material to Russia. This threw him in constant contact with Russian officials stationed in America.

From New Jersey To Great Falls

Because of the threat to ocean travel and plane crossings, and for geographical reasons, the point of departure was later changed to Great Falls, Montana. The Major was transferred there, where planes laden with American-made products took off in a steady stream for Russia across western Canada to Fairbanks, Alaska . . . at which point Russian pilots would take over, crossing the Bering Strait and landing in Soviet territory.

Red Russians were admitted to this country without restrictions, to oversee Lend-Lease activities, but Americans were not even allowed to fly airplanes across Soviet borders for Russia's benefit!

But the curtain of the book rises at the Newark airport, under the chapter title, "Mr. Brown and the Start of a Diary." Who was the mysterious "Mr. Brown?" The author was to learn, with a shock!

A group of excited Russians came roaring into his office one day and literally pushed him to the window where he could look out and see for himself a great "crime" that had just been committed against Russia.

What met Major Jordan's eyes was an American-made, American-financed, American-transported bomber, an A-20 Douglas Havoc which had been donated to Russia by American Lend-Lease. A commercial plane had inflicted slight damage to the bomber by brushing against it on the runway.

"I could easily see that the damage was not too serious and could be repaired," says the Major.

In a flash the Russians were huddled together over a Russian-English dictionary. They came up with the words "punish" and "pilot." One of them aimed an imaginary revolver at his temple and pulled the trigger.

"You're in America," Jordan tried to explain. "We don't do things that way. The plane will be repaired and ready for the convoy."

Then another word from the dictionary: "banish." In a few moments they

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made him understand that they wanted not only the pilot, but also the entire airline with which the pilot was associated, permanently expelled from the airport.

Harry Hopkins Appears On The Scene

Jordan laboriously conveyed the idea that a special crew would work all night, if necessary, in order that the Lend-Lease plane might depart on schedule. When the explanation was finished, the leader of the group, Colonel Anatoli N. Kotikov, made an abrupt gesture.

"I call Mr. Hopkins," he blurted.

What does Harry Hopkins have to do with Newark Airport, mused the Major ... and particularly with commercial planes, under jurisdiction of the Civil Aeronautics Board?

"Mr. Hopkins fix," Kotikov asserted. "Mr. Brown will see Mr. Hopkins ... no?"

Before the Major could find out who "Mr. Brown" was, Kotikov had placed a call to the Soviet Embassy in Washington. The conversation between the Russians which followed was unintelligible to the puzzled American. When the call was completed, Kotikov left without a word. The damaged plane was repaired and made ready for departure according to schedule.

Major Jordan thought this was the end of the matter. He had no idea that within a few weeks an order would come from Washington, excluding not just one commercial airline from the field, but *all* commercial airlines!

He was flabbergasted when the expulsion order came through. Kotikov apparently knew how to get results. The Major could scarcely believe that he was involved in the kind of setup which this development seemed to indicate.

The experience created an uneasiness in his mind and made him decide to start keeping notations and records about incidents on which he might wish to refresh his memory at some future time. Thus the Jordan diaries were born.

Ultimately it leaked out that "Mr. Brown's" real name was Molotov!

Because every paragraph of this amazing book contains something of vital interest, the reviewer is faced with the problem of deciding which sections to feature. The fifteen chapters are each of equal importance, arresting to the reader's interest, and none should be passed over. But limitation of space dictates otherwise.

Recipe For "Getting Along" With Communism

In chapter two Major Jordan tells how he gained the good will of his Russian associates. All he had to do was give them everything they wanted, a policy already outlined by Harry Hopkins, then Executive Secretary to the War Cabinet, whose specific duties were to administer the Lend-Lease Act.

At a giant Russian Aid Rally at Madison Square Garden in June, 1942, Hopkins said: "We are determined that nothing shall stop us from sharing with you *all* that we have."

Major Jordan relates how he gained free access to the desks and papers of the Russians assigned to his department. Some things that he discovered proved quite startling and caused him to make copious notes.

He soon became aware that Colonel Kotikov was especially interested in shipments having to do with what the Colonel called a "bomb powder factory." Little was known about atomic experiments at that time, 1942, but the Russians were on the inside track.

The American people were to learn later that influential American reds ordered both atomic secrets and materials turned over to Moscow. Large shipments of graphite, aluminum tubes, cadmium metal, and thorium, which passed through Major Jordan's hands, were basic materials for the creation of an atomic stock pile. Of course, at that time he had no way of knowing what was happening.

Next comes the story of 1,305 Diesel marine engines which the Soviets demanded, and received ... at a time when General Douglas MacArthur was in dire need of such equipment in the South Pacific.

Today it is obvious that the USSR was fighting the United States in the role of an ally, and with the full cooperation of men high in the councils of the United States Government.

"Russia First"

Chapter three contains an interesting account of the transfer of the headquarters of airborne Lend-Lease from Newark to Great Falls. An item in his transfer orders deserves special notice:

His assignment to Great Falls designated him as "United Nations Representative." This fact strikes one as rather strange, inasmuch as this organization was not set up until almost three years later, in September, 1945 ... remarkable until the fact is considered that international manipulators had their treasonable program mapped years before it came to fruition at San Francisco.

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Another incident in chapter three must be included. One day a Colonel of the American Air Force arrived at Great Falls and asked for clearance to Fairbanks, Alaska. Major Jordan told him that four days would be required to make necessary modifications in his plane for the flight over the cold route.

Thereupon the Colonel requested a sufficient number of mechanics to do the job in a few hours. It was urgent that he reach Alaska. Jordan replied that this would mean taking men who were working on Russian planes.

"I know I'm just an Air Force Colonel," the visitor muttered, "and I hate to discommode Uncle Joe, but I'm afraid that this American plane will have to take precedence over the Russian plane."

The document which Jordan then displayed left the Colonel speechless. It was a Presidential directive which read in part as follows:

> **Subject: Movement of Russian Airplanes. 1. The President has directed that "airplanes be delivered in acordance with protocol schedules by the most expeditious means." To implement these directives, the modification, the equipment, and movement of Russian planes have been given first priority, even over planes for U. S. Army Air Forces ... by command of Lieutenant General Arnold.**
>
> **Richard H. Ballard**
> **Colonel, G.S.C.**
> **Asst. Chief of Air Staff, A-4**

This illustrates, from a different angle, the fact that our national government was actually loaded with "Russia Firsters."

"Diplomatic Immunity"

"The Black Suitcases" is the title of chapter five. This section alone is worth many times the price of the book.

It relates how hundreds of "untouchable" black suitcases began pouring through Great Falls under the sheltering classification of "Diplomatic Immunity."

Major Jordan was denied access to their contents and at first cooperated in this respect. But as the number increased and the red officers traveling with them were replaced with armed Russian couriers, he decided that they *had* to be inspected.

No citizen who appreciates deeds of courage and patriotism done by fellow Americans should fail to read how Major Jordan, at the risk of his life, flouted the threats of armed Russians and began inspecting the suitcases.

One learns from this chapter that Communist spies were working at all levels in the United States Government, filling bulging leather containers with stolen documents. They make the U-2 incident pale into insignificance. A partial list of the items examined by Major Jordan is as follows:

> **Roadmaps marked to show locations of American industrial plants, such as "Westinghouse" and "Blaw-Knox."**
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> **A bundle of scientific treatises accompanied by a thick map labeled "Oak Ridge" and a report from Oak Ridge designated for Harry Hopkins. (Jordan found many strange words in this report and made notes in order to consult a dictionary later: "cyclotron," "proton," etc. Also odd phrases, such as "energy produced by fission" and "walls five feet thick, of lead and water, to control flying neutrons.")**

Included with the last bundle mentioned above was a note on White House stationery which said: "Had h--- of a time getting these away from Groves," (not meaning Major Leslie Groves himself, as Major Jordan explains, but the atomic engineering organization under him). This memorandum bore the initials "H.H." — Harry Hopkins!

Non-Military Supplies

Conclusive evidence is submitted, proving that at least four billion dollars worth of supplies, channeled through Great Falls, consisted of non-military items. The USSR was not entitled to such products under the Lend-Lease Act, but the burden was, nevertheless, saddled upon American taxpayers.

It is a source of regret that, due to lack of space, several important chapters of the book cannot be mentioned in this review. Pausing in chapter eight, we read: "Immediately after Pearl Harbor, the Navy needed to repair our damaged battleships and placed a high priority order for copper wire suitable for use."

Major Jordan then explains that the Navy did not have sufficient priority to secure the wire needed because Soviet Russia enjoyed a higher rating.

Acting on instructions from top level sources, the American Steel and Wire Company concentrated on filling Soviet orders, which amounted to nearly a million miles of copper wire.

This item was intended for the postwar rehabilitation of Russian cities because it was stored in New York State

until almost the end of the war before being shipped.

"Major Jordan's Diaries" further disclose how thousands of blueprints of United States patents were filched from government files and turned over to Soviet Russia.

Detailed lists also appear of atomic, metallic, electrical, chemical, photographic, and numerous other types of materials. American businessmen who study these lists will learn why there were so many crippling shortages during World War II.

Harry Dexter White

Major Jordan documents two known shipments of uranium. He records how engraving plates were shipped to Russia from the United States Treasury at the instigation of Henry Morgenthau and Harry Dexter White. Moscow printed 250-million dollars worth of money, which was later redeemed in American dollars ... and refused to return the plates!

White was eventually exposed as a member of the Communist Party and "two weeks later his funeral was held at Temple Israel in Boston; he had died of a heart attack."

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No review could do it justice. To evaluate its contents properly, one must read the book in its entirety.

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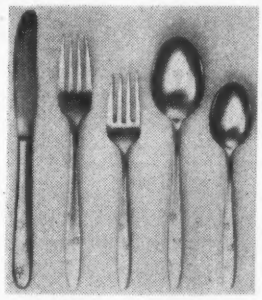

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THE SPIRIT OF MAGNANIMITY

Everybody admires a great soul. It is possible to be great in some respects, and in others to be little and mean. The following are some signs of magnanimity, or the lack of it.

• The ability to apoligize. Few can do this in a gracious manner. If you have spoken or acted unadvisedly, it will help, rather than hinder, to humbly acknowledge it.

• To forgive and forget. It requires only an ounce of grace and a thimble full of brains to hold a grudge; but to entirely forget an injury is truly beautiful.

• To avoid arguments. A bigot can quickly pitch into an unprofitable debate; but it takes a great soul to look ahead and studiously avoid anything that might break fellowship. This is greater than to win an argument. "He that ruleth his spirit is better than he that taketh a city." —Proverbs 16:32.

• To avoid mixing up in a quarrel. Children may fuss over a little toy, or a few green plums; but parents ought to be too big to pull off in spirit from good neighbors over such trifles. Do those in your community have confidence in your religion?

• Going to law. The devil and unprincipled lawyers will magnify a supposed injury; but a wise and peaceful person will "rather take wrong," (I Corinthians 6:7) than to spend time and money defending personal rights.

• Being self-conscious. It is painful to behold one who is always strained up. How blessed to dwell so deeply in God as to have no concern about how high, or low, others rate you. Paul said, "With me it is a very small thing that I should be judged of you, or of man's judgment ... He that judgeth me is the Lord."

• Stinginess. How sad that anyone should imagine he is ahead when he gives just enough to ease his conscience and yet less than his full share to the worthy support of the Gospel work. In the end he and his children are the losers. "The liberal soul shall be made fat: and he that watereth, shall be watered also himself." —Proverbs 11:25.

• A saintly dignity. One need not be highly intellectual, or well dressed in order to show poise and sincerity that will compel admiration and disarm prejudice. Look at the meek and lowly Jesus before Pilate! Go thou and do likewise!

• Taking snubs and reproofs well. It is a false idea that those possessing true greatness must be curt and resentful toward those who dare to cross them, especially one's inferiors. How lovely to behold one who can be gracious and gentle when information or reproof is given that was not needed.

• Boasting. How blessed to meet a big soul whose silence speaks louder than words. We go away enlarged and enriched. But how different from the man who monopolizes all the time in calling attention to himself — where he has been and what he did. "Let another man praise thee ... and not thine own lips." —Proverbs 27:2.

• Mastery over the flesh. It is a sign of being heavenly-minded when earthly and fleshly joys are gladly set aside for things eternal. The behavior of a mature saint is always in view of "What would Jesus do?" This will make carnal pleasures look cheap and chaffy.

• Stooping to help others. The Pharisee and priest can pass "by on the other side," but the magnanimous man will forget self and stop to help others. Years ago, General Booth was walking down a side-street in London when he was seen to stop and help a poor man load some bags of coal. An onlooker was impressed, and later inquired who this "silk-hat man" was. Later he gave a large donation to the General, saying, "Such work is worth supporting." (Luke 10:30, 37). —*E. E. Shelhamer*

GOD AND MIRACLES

Sermon of the Month

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"But there is a God in Heaven ..." (Daniel 2:28)

A MIRACLE is a work of God. He may perform them without the aid or assistance of man or He may choose to use man. But in either case, the miracle is exclusively His work.

Nebuchadnezzar had a dream. He called in his wise men and commanded them to interpret it. They replied, "Tell us the dream, and we will do so."

The king explained that it was gone, but they were to give him the dream and the interpretation, or face sudden death.

They argued back and forth about the matter, but Nebuchadnezzar insisted that they give him both the dream and the interpretation. Finally, the wise men answered as we find in Daniel 2:10:

"There is not a man upon the earth that can shew the king's matter: therefore there is no king, lord, nor ruler, that asked such things at any magician, or astrologer, or Chaldean."

This caused the king to be angry. He commanded that all the wise men in Babylon be destroyed. This included Daniel, Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego.

Daniel went home and talked things over with his three companions. It is indicated in the eighteenth verse of this same chapter that they believed that God would disclose the secret to Daniel, that they might not perish with the rest of the wise men of Babylon.

And it was revealed in a night vision. In characteristic form Daniel praised the name of God. Read his song of thanksgiving in verses twenty through twenty-three of this same chapter.

Here is a good lesson for us in prayer. We should come to God in thanksgiving, making our petitions known to Him, being grateful in advance for His answers.

In due time Daniel came to stand before the king. He said:

"The secret which the king hath demanded cannot the wise men, the astrologers, the magicians, the soothsayers, shew unto the king; But there is a God in heaven that revealeth secrets, and maketh known to the king Nebuchadnezzar what shall be in the latter days. Thy dream, and the visions of thy head upon thy bed, are these."

Daniel then gave to Nebuchadnezzar the dream and the interpretation. It was a clear and concise picture of things to come.

We are not going into a prophetic study at this time, but will deal with the story as it presents God and His mighty power.

I. The Weakness Of Man

The Chaldeans could not give to the king his dream. They were helpless, hopeless, and fearful. They said, "There is not a man upon the earth that can shew the king's matter." These magicians of ancient times illustrate the weakness of a man who has no Heavenly Father.

Without God we cannot comprehend spiritual things. How clearly this is laid before us in I Corinthians 2:14:

"But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned."

The youngest child in this building, who is born again, has more understanding of God and spiritual truth than a lost man with the highest academic training.

The poorest and most illiterate citizen in our community who knows God has more understanding of spiritual matters than the most educated unregenerate man who rejects Jesus Christ.

It is only when we are born again that we can lay hold upon the truths of the Word. We must come to Christ in repentance and faith.

In the miraculous work of regeneration, we are made new creatures. The Holy Spirit comes in to dwell, and then we are able to understand spiritual truths.

But here is a lost man who refuses to be saved, to believe on Christ unless he can understand everything. It is like the old story of a backwoods preacher and a young skeptic who used to make fun of the man of God. They lived at the same boarding house.

One day the lawyer got to chiding the old preacher about his faith and said: "I will not accept anything that I cannot understand. God almighty has given me a mind, and that mind has got to be satisfied before I will ever accept anything."

Just then the preacher gazed across the street to a green lawn, and he observed some hogs and geese eating grass together.

"Do I understand you to say that you will not accept anything that you cannot understand?" The lawyer repled, "That's just where I stand."

"Look across the street. Do you see the hogs and the geese?"

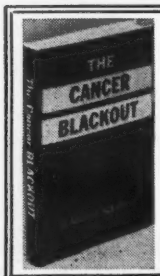
"Yes."

"Do you see what they are doing?"

"Yes, they are both eating grass."

"You are sure they are?"

"Yes."



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"You are sure they are hogs and you are sure they are geese?"

"Yes."

"Well," said the preacher, "can you tell me why the grass makes feathers on a goose and hairs on a hog?"

The lawyer said, "Goodbye. I'll see you in the morning."

Yes, we must come to Christ in simple, child-like faith, believing on Him to save our souls. It is not necessary for us to understand everything. It is simply essential to trust our Lord to save us. It is only after conversion that we come to lay hold upon one spiritual truth after another.

Without God man is powerless to conquer or control the flesh. He is a victim of Satan and the world.

The vicious drink habit cannot be overcome alone. The various sins of the flesh cannot be controlled without the Lord Jesus Christ. This is a sinful, vile generation, and will continue to become worse unless Christ gains the preeminence in hearts and lives.

Last evening in Indianapolis I made mention of our great need to reach boys and girls and young people with the Gospel. I spoke of the sins which are gaining momentum in the schools of this day.

When I finished my talk, a man came up to me and said, "I have been working on the west side of Cleveland, Ohio, and have written down for you the things that I found going on." Here is just a little of what he had observed.

Eight-year-old children smoking. Ten and eleven-year-old girls drawing vile pictures. Junior boys of nine and twelve having an abundant, filthy vocabulary. Girls of nine, ten and eleven engaged in sins too vile to mention.

A great scientist said, "Tell me what this generation is thinking about and I will show you what the next generation will be doing." If the next decade goes lower than this one, we will exceed the viciousness of Sodom and Gomorrah.

The Word says, "As a man thinketh in his heart, so is he." It is Christ who can give a man a pure, clean, clear thought, and can lift him above the mire and muck.

A man is powerless to redeem himself. Salvation is of the Lord. The Chaldeans could not save themselves from Nebuchadnezzar. Their weakness doomed them to destruction. Their lives were only spared because of the intervention of God.

II. The Way To God

God's ways are not always our ways. His thoughts are not ours. As the song writer said, "God works in mysterious ways His wonders to perform."

The Bible reveals that God often uses sinful men to accomplish His pruposes. He may employ a Sargon of Assyria to chasten Israel. He may take Nebuchadnezzar to lay low the people of Judah. But the use of such men is an exception in the work of our Lord. Certain types of men are also chosen.

God uses clean men such as Joseph and Daniel. We find no spots upon the records of these noble men. If we are to be filled with the Spirit and used of God then we, too, must be clean of mind and heart. Paul said to Timothy:

"Let every one that nameth the name of Christ depart from iniquity. But in a great house there are not only vessels of gold and of silver, but also of wood and of earth; and some to honour, and some to dishonour. If a man therefore purge himself from these, he shall be a vessel unto honour, sanctified, and meet for the master's use, and prepared unto every good work."

God uses courageous men, men who are willing to stand in the hour of testing, men who fear God more than other men.

God uses obedient men, leaders of the caliber of Joshua and Gideon. He used the latter to defeat the Midianites because he was willing to obey.

God uses consecrated men, men who are completely given over to Him; men who are faithful; men whose lives have been placed upon the altar.

God utilized the varied talents of the apostle Paul, not because he was educated, but because he was consecrated and dedicated to Him. This is the call of God, given in Romans 12:1-2:

"I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God."

Our Lord uses the foolish things of the world to baffle the wise, the weak things to confound those that are mighty, and the base things, and things which are despised, and things which are not to bring to nought things that are.

Why does our Lord work in such a way? The answer is given in I Corinthians 1:29: "That no flesh should glory in his presence."

God uses believing men. Cleanliness and courage and obedience would amount to little if there was not faith in God. Daniel had confidence in God.

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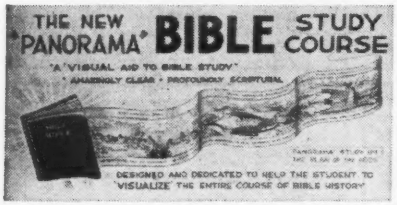

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He believed in prayer, and God honored his faith and gave answers.

Daniel prayed when the world opposed him. He risked his own life to be true to his faith. Daniel 10:10 is an interesting verse. It reads:

"And, behold, an hand touched me, which set me upon my knees and upon the palms of my hands."

We need such a Divine touch that will cause us to fall upon our knees so that we will abandon ourselves to Him. Yes, it is the will of God. He wants to use you. He wants to use me. In his work He employs only clean, courageous obedient, consecrated, believing men.

III. The Power Of God

"Power belongeth to God." It was true in the day of Daniel — and the same still applies in our time.

The power of our Lord is the same, yesterday, today, and forever. He still works miracles according to His own will.

We have before us the miracle of answered prayer. When prayer is answered, it is a work of God, a supernatural act of Heaven.

This week I was talking to some people from the Cedarville Baptist College near Akron, Ohio. They had prayed for buildings and equipment, and God gave to them a fully equipped campus; fifteen acres of land and adequate buildings. It was a gift!

In the time of difficulties, pray to God. When they seem impossible, continue to look to Him, for He still works miracles.

Perhaps the greatest miracle of this hour is His power to save and to transform. He can take poor, broken, discarded men, redeem them, and change their lives.

Someone has said that Longfellow could lay a worthless sheet of paper on his desk, and write a poem on it worth six thousand dollars. That is genius.

Rockefeller could sign his name to a scrap of paper and make it worth a million dollars. That is capital.

A mechanic can take a fragment of material worth $5.00 and make it into an article worth $500.00.

But the Lord God can take a sinful life, wash it in the blood of Christ, and make it a blessing to humanity. It is a miracle of His grace.

It is said that a piece of marble lay for over a hundred years in a back alley in Florence, Italy. It was completely covered with moss. But one day Michelangelo was stumbling along, and came across the stone. He scraped the debris away with his foot and saw what it was.

Being interested in marble, and always in search of it, he knelt down and examined it closely. Then he had it carried to his studio where he began to shape it up, soon realizing that it was ideally made for the statue that had been throbbing in his soul of David and his sling. So he carved it out of the stone that had been discarded.

So it is that men, broken, beaten, lost and helpless, are found by the Lord Jesus Christ and, by virtue of His atoning death on the cross, and His resurrection from the tomb, He is able to take sinful men and transform them into saints of God.

Christ is seeking the broken and the forgotten. He said: "I am come to seek and to save that which was lost."

Talk about miracles — it is a miracle that the blood of Jesus Christ can cleanse us from all sin. This is the promise of I John 1:7. We know that it is true.

We often sing, "There's power in the blood, wonder-working power, in the precious blood of the Lamb." May we not minimize the value of our Saviour's death.

I read that there is a little piece of silk in the museum of Springfield, Illinois that could not be bought with any amount of money. Why is it so valuable? Because of its significance.

That little piece of cloth is saturated with blood. It was once a part of a dress worn by a friend who sat near Abraham Lincoln when he was shot. It was that girl who took his head in her lap and held him as his life was bleeding away.

It is said that the State of Illinois purchased that gown, cut out the piece still covered with the blood of the great statesman, and it is now preserved in a museum.

If we think so much of the blood of an ordinary human being, how much more should we think of the blood of Jesus Christ, shed upon Calvary's cross for our redemption. Yes, there is power in the blood — wonder-working power.

So we have seen in this message the weakness of man, the way to God, and the power of God. It was by this same power that Daniel made known the secret which Nebuchadnezzar desired. It is by the efficacy of God that we will come into the fulness of all of the promises of our Lord.

Do you know Christ as your Saviour? Are you trusting in Him to save and keep you? If not, why not accept Him today, on faith. He will do the rest.

RESEARCH AND CHEMOTHERAPY

The Constant Search For Health

TRYING TO IMPROVE our world has always been a perilous business. When the Polish astronomer Copernicus first concluded that the earth moves around the sun, he kept it secret for years lest he be put to death by dogmatists who were positive it was the stationary center of the universe.

Later, when Galileo asserted that the earth rotates on its axis while revolving around the sun, he was arrested and forced to retract his words. Some historians, however, maintain that after recanting, he muttered in an undertone, "But it moves, just the same!"

One of the men who made research risky was also one of the world's greatest scientists ... Aristotle. Before his time, "armchair explanations" were common for phenomena such as plant growth and human development.

How many teeth does a horse have? "Scientists" before Aristotle attempted to reply by reasoning, rather than by counting. But Aristotle took the attitude of "get the facts from the horse's mouth." He was the first to study the development of the chicken within the egg and first to classify vegetable and marine life.

Even psychology fell into the realm of his interest; he explained human behavior on the basis of four "humors" — bodily fluids that determine a person's health and disposition, making them cheerful, gloomy, slow-moving, or fitting into other stereotypes.

What were the results of Aristotle's proclamations? They were so startling and seemed so logical that he was accepted throughout Greece as the ultimate authority ... and woe to the man who contradicted him. For a thousand years his word was law through all Europe on matters scientific.

Hammurabi and Surgery

Much earlier than Aristotle, in Babylonia (now Iraq) research into medicine was extremely dangerous. According to the law decreed by Hammurabi, king of Babylonia, surgery was permissible. The law even fixed the fees to be charged for each type of operation.

The hitch? If an operation was unsuccessful, the surgeon was penalized. Should he fail in an eye operation, for instance, loss of one of his own eyes was the penalty. After several such mishaps, would-be surgeons got the point — and the scalpel virtually disappeared.

Does this sound barbaric? As late as 1800 A.D. an American doctor who lectured on surgery was threatened with mob violence by a public hysterically opposed to dissection!

Hazards from experiments have often been as serious as those from an irate public, and experimental dangers did not begin with atomic radiation.

Roger Bacon of England lost his life from pneumonia contracted while trying to determine how long chicken meat could be preserved in snow. Bacon was one of the first to delve into the field of refrigeration.

Many dedicated scientists still fearlessly risk disease and death to accumulate medical knowledge. Another Eighteenth Century Briton, named John Hunter, accidentally inoculated himself with syphilis germs while working in his laboratory and deliberately put off seeking treatment so he could study the progress of the malady.

Despite the danger of delay, in an era when treatment of venereal disease was sketchy at best and each day multiplied the risk of eventual death, Hunter did survive. Others who studied infectious disease by the perilous process of self-inoculation have not been so fortunate.

At the turn of the century Dr. Jesse Lazear and several other members of an American team studying the cause and transmission of yellow fever, lost their lives after taking doses of the suspected virus.

Chemotherapy

Chemotherapy is a scientific term of recent origin, coined to convey the idea of treating various phases of disease by use of chemicals. This development marks the dawn of a new day for the relief of pain and suffering, a far cry from the era of Hammurabi. Streaks of light are at long last visible in the darkened heavens.

In 1955 the United States Department of Health, Education and Welfare released for publication a pamphlet entitled, "Meeting The Cancer Challenge." Under the chapter headed "Chemotherapy," the following statement was made:

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Perhaps the most outstanding of these seventeen selections is the all-time popular hymn, "How Great Thou Art," as it swelled from the combined throats of 2,500 dedicated singers of the New York City Crusade Choir.

To Cliff Barrows, member of the Billy Graham Team and one of the outstanding evangelistic choir directors of this generation, is due much credit for helping to make this International Crusade Choir Album possible.

His inspired efforts and success in assembling these different choirs is without precedent. The great harmonies of these sacred songs of the church bring the living message of redemption.

As the title of the album suggests, this is more than just another record. It also includes fifteen twelve-by-twelve inch pages of photographs and interesting bits of information on the various Crusades.

Pictures of Harringay Arena in London . . . Madison Square Garden in New York City . . . the Cow Palace in San Francisco . . . Olympic Stadium in Sydney, Australia . . . and many other photographs from Sweden, Germany and the United States.

But the bonus benefits of this album do not stop there. Jerry Beavan, the well-known author, reports on each of the Crusades. There is also a personal message from Billy Graham, together with informative personality profiles, and color photographs of George Beverly Shea, Cliff Barrows, Tedd Smith and, of course, the world-famous evangelist himself.

No such album has ever been produced before. This is truly a Billy Graham International Crusade document . . . in *sight* and *sound*, a collector's item that will increase in value as the years go by.

Many adjectives could be used to describe this particular album, but to appreciate it fully one must simply sit down and listen to it . . . over and over again.

Tim Spencer, author of "God And Music" (page 15, this *Defender)*, predicts that more than a million copies will be sold in time, to set a new record for religious albums.

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More Time Alone
Close To Thee
My Faith Looks Up To Thee
When The Saints Go Marching In
When We All Get To Heaven
Spirit Of The Living God
Go Tell It On The Mountain
Holy Ghost With Light Divine

This album is unique in many ways — selections — arrangements — the techniques of both artists — even the recording. Instead of one or two long recording sessions, Kurt arranged his time during several trips to the West Coast to get together with Charles.

The arrangements were created spontaneously in the recording sessions, which were stretched out over a period of four months. The end result presents the best of two young men in an album designed for those who want a fresh new sound.

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GOD AND MUSIC

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In the most ancient Assyrian ruins, there are records of music and the importance it played in the lives of extinct peoples. In the land of Mesopotamia, about the year 3850 B.C., a queen reigned whose name was Shub-ab. Her personal instrument, a harp, has been recovered and may be seen in the museum today.

The fourth chapter of Genesis tells of a civilization founded by Cain, the first-born of Adam and Eve, and of the children born to him and his wife.

Their eldest son was named Enoch, who afterward built a city, and fathered a large family. His great, great grandson was Lamech. From his marriage was born a lad named Jubal, whose entire history is covered in just one verse of Scripture: "He was the father of all such as handle the harp and organ." This brings us right into the very shadow of the Garden of Eden.

In verse seven of the thirty-eighth chapter of Job, God states that in the moment of creation of the physical order, "the morning stars sang together, and all the sons of God shouted for joy!"

The very stars formed a choir which sang the praise of the Creator. From the earliest ages, the glorification of God has been enhanced by music.

When we sing the songs of Zion and praise the Lord Jesus for His rich and saving grace, spiritual enjoyment reaches its crest, and when earth's last picture is painted, and the old Master Painter looks upon his artistry and says, "It is finished," then we will see in all their radiant glory a numberless company of white-robed saints singing before the throne of the Lamb.

Yes, and when the new heavens and the new earth are created, musicians will still be congregated about the throne of God playing the song whose theme is "Salvation by faith in Jesus Christ."

If we have rejoiced to sing in this life, "There is a fountain, filled with blood, drawn from Immanuel's veins" then we will be in perfect harmony to sing the same great theme when the children of God join with the angels to praise Him.

In Paul's first letter to the Corinthians, chapter one, verse eighteen, he says: "For the preaching of the cross is to them that perish foolishness; but unto us which are saved it is the power of God."

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—*William Cameron*

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Too many of us wait to do things for others in the hope that perhaps tomorrow we can do something big. But the deed done today is the only assurance of making a memory for tomorrow.

—*Emma K. Hulburt*

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The seller of liquor is the only man who is ashamed of his best customers.

The glory of young men is their strength: and the beauty of old men is the grey head.

—*Proverbs 20:29*

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Alcoholism presents a desolate and disturbing picture. There remain forces at work which deteriorate the health and the morale of the population, lessen the moral reserves of the nation, damage its economy, and deter the rapid and total betterment of the country.

—*Lt. Col. Joseph M. Lemus*

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—*Abraham Lincoln*

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To get his wealth he spent his health,
And then with might and main,
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To get his health again.

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A lovely deed was in my heart,
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If you want a thing done, ask a busy man. The others have no time.

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The trouble with home life today is that so many homes have become mere filling stations.

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Why do families use money they haven't earned, to buy things they don't need, to impress people they don't like?

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Happiness — enjoying what you have instead of fretting over what you do not have.

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Even if you are bearing a cross, you do not have to be cross.

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"WHAT WILL THEY USE FOR MONEY?"

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THE ABOLITION of federal individual income taxes is becoming a major issue for 1960. It is one of the objectives of the "Proposed 23rd Amendment" pending in Congress as H. J. Resolution 23, and already approved by the States of Wyoming, Texas and Nevada.

An equally important objective of the amendment is the removal of government from direct competition with private taxpaying enterprises. This amendment provides:

"Section 1. The Government of the United States shall not engage in any business, professional, commercial, financial or industrial enterprise except as specified in the Constitution."

"Section 4 . . . The Congress shall not levy taxes on personal incomes, estates, and/or gifts."

The magnitude of the first section is not generally understood, while the idea of repealing the income tax challenges our immediate attention.

An editorial in the *Fort Lauderdale (Florida) News* of March 29, 1960, discusses the question of "where the federal government would get the money to support itself if the income tax were to be repealed."

The editorial points out that "This is a sensible question, but according to the proponents of the 23rd Amendment, it has a sensible answer."

"To begin with, they (the National Committee for Economic Freedom) point out that forcing the federal government to liquidate all its corporate activities would immediately produce a savings of over $44-billion a year.

"Since individual income tax receipts produced a revenue of approximately $37-billion in 1959, this would leave the federal government with a net savings of more than $7-billion a year.

"To better understand this kind of figuring, it is necessary to point out that federal corporations have now taken over control of forty per cent of the land area, and twenty per cent of the entire industrial capacity.

"More than half of the current federal revenue is required to pay the losses of these government corporations and defray the hidden costs of their operations, according to the statistics compiled by 23rd Amendment supporters.

"This is where the $44-billion would come from to compensate for the $37-billion the federal government would lose through the repeal of the income tax amendment."

Another Editorial

The *New York Daily News*, in an editorial of March 21, 1960, dramatically illustrated the areas of savings:

"The Government would be kicked out of its current and ever-increasing competition with private industry and business in numerous fields. Foreign aid (by politicians) would be outlawed. Government-owned enterprises such as Tennessee Valley Authority, would be sold to private investors and put on the tax rolls.

"Uncle Sam would have to stop competing with private enterprise in numerous other fields," the editorial continued, "including manufacturing, wholesaling, retailing, banking, warehousing, mining and transportation."

A series of six editorials on the subject of federal taxation titled, "The Power To Destroy," recently appeared in the *Indianapolis Star* and the *Arizona Republic*. The sixth editorial in the series made a specific recommendation:

"The 23rd Amendment, requiring the disposition of all federal corporations competing with private industry and business, and abolishing the income tax in three years, should be passed this coming session."

It *can* be "passed" by your State Legislature this coming session if you make certain that the members of your Legislature are so instructed.

It can also be "passed" by the Congress in 1961, providing you make sure that your Representatives and Senators will support it, *before you elect them.*

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Small boys swapping marbles for jackknives, girls doing housework or baby sitting in exchange for piano or art lessons, older ones buying education by waiting tables — all are engaging in the ancient custom of barter.

However, barter is more than a custom. Its roots extend back to the dim beginnings of human life, for it was rather a social necessity which was practiced to the mutual benefit of all parties involved.

Charles Morrow Wilson, born in Arkansas, a successful journalist now living in Vermont (the home of barter) has, through thirty years, written twenty-seven books majoring on rural and economic life in the United States and the American Tropics. He is signally equipped to know the value of barter as "the answer to inflation and the tax collector."

Barter, of course, means nothing more or less than swapping — trading what you have for something you have not, whether it be work or goods . . . to the mutual advantage of everyone concerned.

This may be simple, between two individuals, or it may become elaborate and complicated, involving several transactions with multiple ramifications using script, due bills, credit barter and barter stores.

Barter may be confined to goods alone, or services alone, or it may be a combination of the two. It has been carried to almost unbelievable lengths. An example is given of certain schools accepting farm products as payment of tuition and other expenses. Mr. Wilson says:

"For all school levels, from kindergarten through university, barter is a potential which deserves closer and more imaginative notice; the more so because our school structures, both public and private, are cruelly misused by inflation and other vagaries which cannot be expected to end tomorrow or at any other predictable date.

"Meanwhile, many of our elementary and high schools will continue to spill over with pupils: and for the same general reasons our colleges and universities will keep raising tuitions and fees ever farther beyond the work-a-day parents' capacity to pay.

Personal Experience

"As a gray and gasping parent of two Ivy League collegians, I humbly suggest that the time is come again when our colleges and universities should reconsider the feasibility of accepting a greater share of income in needed items of barter."

He relates how, as late as the 1930's the State University of Louisiana accepted such farm produce as livestock, poultry, rice, molasses, cured meats, vegetables, baled cotton, and even fox pelts and duck feathers, in lieu of cash for tuition and related fees.

Illinois Wesleyan College successfully used barter credit. The school remained intact and barter served its people well.

One noticeable item about the barter system is the honesty with which it is carried on. In fact, there is little chance for dishonesty since it soon disqualifies itself. The person who feels he has been cheated seldom risks another venture.

Farming and barter go well together because both are essentially specific and personalized. Mr. Wilson advocates return to farm bartering because modern methods of marketing have caused a decline in food value.

Farm fresh foods have a distinctive quality not approached through present day produce. Fruits are picked green, oranges dyed, tomatoes ripened in storage, meat products chemically preserved and colored, apples sprayed with chemicals which change their flavor, and vegetables grown in chemically fertilized soil which alters their quality.

The author asserts: "We are the number one farming nation of the world, and we spend more for food per capita than any other nation. And while paying for the most expensive food consumed in any comparably populated area of the earth, we endure much of the worst flavored and least nutritious harvest eaten by man."

This paradox could be largely remedied through barter, as has been demonstrated by devoted farmers. Production of *quality* instead of *volume* would relieve the problem of surplus and improve the health of our people.

While farming is particularly adapted to barter, other vocations join the ranks with profit. Storekeeping is one, as well as hotels, various arts and crafts.

Hotels and Barter

American hotels originated the due bill, from which has grown a remote control form of trade, using advertising as its most favored commodity.

For example, an Inn in New Hampshire trades due bills, promising a certain number of rooms available for a stated time, for advertising in a Vermont newspaper. Such announcements do not cost the newspaper anywhere near the value of the due bill.

The manager may dispose of them as he wishes. His paper profits on the deal, as does the Inn by filling otherwise unoccupied rooms with people who will also spend money on its other facilities.

Due bill banking has become a business of such proportions that there are now about six hundred clearing houses in this country — forty-six in New York City alone. Mr. Wilson devotes a chapter to the explanation of its working.

Another development is the commercially operated and profit-sharing barter exchange, whose function it is to en-

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Many large companies such as General Motors and General Electric, for example, practice swap-lending of men and material, often benefiting both the swappers and the industry itself. This was especially true during the war, when some materials were virtually unbuyable, but not unswappable.

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The author, however, has this to say in respect to our governmental accomplishments in international barter:

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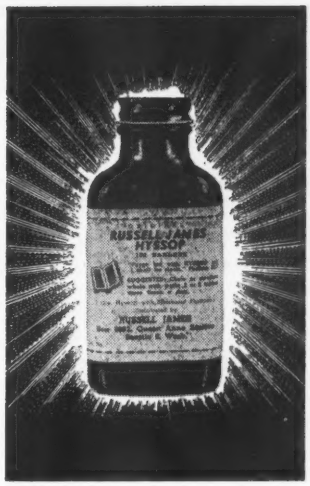

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THE "PEACE BUBBLE" has burst! The mask of hypocrisy has been ripped from the faces of the Kremlin masters, and they stand exposed in the light which we have always seen them. Now, once again, Communism is operating in its true order and many lands are erupting with the fire of revolt.

In Korea, Turkey, Poland, Japan, South Africa, Cuba, as well as our own Southern states . . . the Communists are fanning the flames of discontent, and riot follows riot.

Possibly we shall never see peace again until our Lord comes, unless we elect another President who is willing to *give* the Kremlin *everything* they desire.

Truly, this is the day of the Lord and already we see the nations beating their plowshares into swords, and preparing for the great battle of God Almighty. The very signs in the sea, the air and on land; of the tremblings in nature, tell us that awsome day is near.

Since the Summit Conference, politicians everywhere have been endeavoring to fix the blame, laying it on the present administration. It is true, they are guilty in part, but the entire fault does not lie there. It must be placed in the fact that:

(1) We fully recognized the godless, antichrist Russia in 1933; (2) that at Yalta, Teheran, and Cairo we gave them eastern Europe, lock, stock and barrel, containing over 600-million Christian souls; and set in motion the conditions for the present crisis; (3) that we failed to defeat the Communist hordes in Korea by the firing of MacArthur and the signing of a weak armistice.

What our statesmen have failed to realize is that Communism is the vehicle through which Satan intends to conquer the world and enthrone the Antichrist as master of mankind.

A Super Red World

Through Communism, Satan seeks a one-world government, a one-world race and even a one-world Church.

In our generation, through the maneuvers of foolish statesmen leaning upon the arm of flesh rather than on the arm of God, we have already delivered unto this antichrist force one-third of the earth's surface, and one billion of this planet's inhabitants.

We can rightfully say, however, that in general, during the past eight years the Kremlin has been held in check through our NATO air bases. We have drawn a chain around the iron and bamboo curtains, and have virtually said to the Communist: "This far and no farther."

Because of this they have been constantly probing for a weak spot, through which they can advance towards their ultimate goal of one world government.

Last year they tried at Berlin but, realizing their weakness and the possibility of a satellite revolt and other internal trouble, they reverted to their age-old strategy of the cry of "peace" and "love for everyone."

But this did not satisfy their more aggressive partner, the Chinese Communist, whose strategy and power comes through their drive toward war. The red Chinese leaders refused to look upon Khrushchev's American tour as anything more than stupidity and vacillating weakness on his part, and on his tour to their country they told him so.

The Chinese Communists further appealed to the Stalinites in Russia, showing them that more was obtained through Stalin's staying at home, his bluffing, and hard tactics, than has been accomplished at any other time in the history of Communism.

Any student of Communism could see that a sharp rift was taking place with the Red forces.

On May Day in China, pictures were carried of all the Party heroes, but none appeared of Khrushchev. Slurring banners were displayed and epitaphs hurled against Yankee imperialism.

In Russia's Red Square on May Day Mikoyan (Mr. Khrushchev's "peace-making pal") did not appear with the elite on the reviewing stand, but instead was relegated to the background, along with the popcorn concessionaire. Mr. Khrushchev was surrounded with the old Kremlin-Stalinist gang.

A Prediction

Things are changing. The Russian bear has taken on his familiar growl. A young figure who may soon be the leader in world Communism is Suslove, a Stalinist of real power who is rapidly coming to the front. Here is a man who needs to be watched in the days ahead.

True to the old form, they began to look for some excuse to destroy the Summit meeting. They knew that nothing could be accomplished there, for the West was united in a firm policy on Berlin; the true Communist tactic was to smash and to enlarge on any incident that could be created for propaganda purposes.

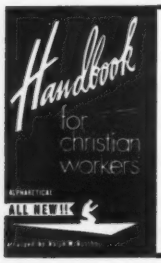
The U-2 episode just happened to be a convenient one. Thank God we have spy planes and may we ask these weak-left-wing politicians who are decrying them, what means they would have used to find out what our enemies are doing? Would they sit back and wait for a Red Pearl Harbor before taking action?

It is a known fact that the spy planes were not an Eisenhower invention. They were in operation as far back as the days of Harry Truman, and we have been using espionage agents since the turn of the century.

It is my firm belief that the plane was never shot down; but because of some difficulty landed 1,400 miles inside Russia.

All the films the pilot had, and his equipment, was in perfect condition; and if a missile had hit the plane, this would have been destroyed (unless the missile was a bee-bee shot).

Truly the plane incident must have come as a shock to the Kremlin, who had boasted that their iron curtain was



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impregnable, but instead found it smashed to bits as though it were made of glass.

It must have been a startling revelation to the Russian leaders when they realized this was not the first incident, that by now we had photographs of her military installations, and were in a position to blast her major cities off the map if war came. This is the thing that has shaken their military heads and made them raving maniacs.

A Brazen Khrushchev

This is the thing that sent Khrushchev, as a prisoner of the Party, to Paris; with orders from the Kremlin to scare to death every country where we had air bases; to browbeat the Summit into capitulation on Berlin; and to act like a brazen bully, afraid of his own position, but using bluster, filth, and harsh, vulgar language to depict his false toughness.

Never before in modern history has the President of the United States been called a liar, a thief, and a man who is odious. Never have the German people been referred to so crudely, even in Hitler's heyday.

Never has the United States been told by any leaders that they intend to take us like a cat, by the tail, and beat out our brains against a stone wall.

Never before have we been told by any government that they are going to beat us, and beat us, and beat us until our prestige and pride will cause us to beg for mercy, and yet that is what Mr. Khrushchev crowed about at the Paris Conference.

These are not the words of a sane diplomat! They are the utterings of a scared, raving maniac who knows that, unless he produces results in the months ahead, his own head is going to roll, for the Stalinists are after him.

Truly, what he did was to expose Communism for what it really is. He has drawn the free world together, stronger than ever. He has removed the mask of false peace, and we hope that he has embarrassed the Kremlin jackals in our government, schools and churches, who have been tooting the horn for the Kremlin and have been acting the part of fools.

From here on out we should know what we are fighting, and the American people should never let these false overtures lull us to sleep again. We must prepare with everything we have, to defend our nation from enemies, *within* as well as without.

If we act wisely, we would outlaw the Communist Party. We would sever diplomatic connections with Russia and Cuba, and other satellite states.

We should forbid exchange of travel between the two countries. Only a strong nation, and a united people, can defeat this Dragon of the Twentieth Century, who seeks to devour all mankind.

The Russian Spy Story

Our strength is in the Lord, not in false alliances with the ungodly. To those who are so weak that they would think we had committed a crime by sending an observer over Russia, let them be reminded that the Communists have been spying on us for the past forty years. Through the channels of the United Nations, hundreds of Russian agents are entering and leaving our nation *daily*.

Have you forgotten the Bentley-Golas case; the Judy Coplan case; the Gerhart Eisler case; the J. Peters case; Bill Gerbert; the Rose case; the Rosenbergs; and the Hiss case?

Our government records are filled with untold incidents of spying on our military installations. The Soviet Embassy itself, in our nation, is a center of espionage. *Every party member is an agent for the Kremlin.*

Last month alone our government had 482 cases of Soviet spies, and we could rightfully say that the Kremlin has countless thousands of agencies operating in our nation. It is high time that these be brought to trial and the world be told about it.

From here on out we can expect a war of words, and troubles in many sections of the world, to keep us occupied; and to cause foolish politicians to talk about a compromise in foreign policy.

Look for revolts in Korea, Laos, Formosa, Japan and the Middle East in the months ahead. In all this storm and turmoil of the world, it is no time for the Christians to become down-hearted.

We must remember that all of this was foretold in God's Holy Word, and it must remind us that we have been called upon by our Lord to seek His face and to work for a revival among the people.

Though the road before us may be difficult, and much bloodshed may be seen in our day, yet we are comforted by the fact that "there are more of us than be with them," and that ours is the winning side.

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TEMPTED TO QUIT BY DISCOURAGEMENT

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DISCOURAGEMENT can prove disastrous in the lives and to the ministry of God's servants. When we realize that it is one of the several devices of the devil for sabotaging the Lord's plan to save man, we are in a better position to face the future confidently and courageously.

Let us ponder a little upon this matter, then pray for fortitude and faith to persevere till released by God for further earthly responsibility in His service.

The infernal enemy of Christ and His servants, Satan, has cause to chuckle when a Christian decides to cease serving God in whatever aspects of service (teaching, preaching, tithing, visitation, writing, or whatever else) have been his privilege.

Quitting the appointment of the Lord is both surrendering to the devil and renouncing the God-given privilege of laboring for Him. Resigning from the Lord's work through discouragement is a refusal to accept by faith His specially provided strength and joy, for and in His service.

What is this disastrous emotion we call discouragement? It is a dampening of the spirits so that you are disheartened, a quenching of your fiery courage so that you are deterred, a feeling of depression so that you are dispirited.

It is a cheerless sense of hopelessness as far as your service is concerned. Discouragement is despondency. Despondency is where David once found himself when he cried out, in the words of the thirteenth Psalm, "How long wilt thou forget me, O Lord? for ever?"

Can we ever cease to remember Elijah in his discouraged estimate of the sparseness of faith and the numerical weakness of the faithful who had not bowed the knee to Baal?

This great man of God had seen the power of the Almighty often and in dramatic manifestation. God had fed him when drought and famine prevailed.

Elijah prayed for rain and it came. He defeated and disgraced in public the prophets of Baal. He raised the dead by the power of God and flaunted the power of the devil as in false religion.

Yet Elijah, right on the heels of such tremendous success, experienced the destructive, corrosive canker of discouragement!

Abram's faith led him from Ur of the Chaldees to Canaan. His doubts, born of discouragement, drove him over barren desert to Egypt's heathen land.

Paul Met Discouragement

Paul experienced Satan's attacks at their greatest virility and variety. The great missionary apostle could write of being troubled, perplexed, persecuted, cast down and exposed to death, even as was Jesus.

Here is an example of all the causes of discouragement of which we Christians may be victims. I used the word *causes* deliberately. Paul experienced the things that *cause* discouragement, but he did not *become* discouraged! He never gave up amidst adversity.

I think of the late Gerald B. Winrod, Charles Haddon Spurgeon, Rowland Bingham and other greatly used men of God in this connection. Their stories are too lengthy to relate in a brief article like this, but all of them can be generalized.

Whatever the causes of discouragement these men experienced, each of them persevered and persisted in their God-given tasks, right up till the moment of release came from God by their promotion to still higher service for Him by His exalted side in glory. Their testimony and the work they started has gone on for God more powerfully and effectively than ever.

Yet they were often troubled (but not distressed); hard-pressed (but not hemmed in); afflicted in many ways (but not crushed); perplexed (but not in despair); persecuted (but not forsaken of God); cast down (but not destroyed); often getting knocked down (but never knocked out).

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The "Broken Hearted"

Twice in Holy Writ we have reference to the "broken hearted" (Isaiah 61:1 and Luke 4:18). Yet in Scripture we have this encouraging promise repeated as, for instance in the Psalms:

"The Lord is nigh unto them that are of a broken heart." (34:18) "... a broken and a contrite heart, O God, thou wilt not despise." (51:17) "He healeth the broken in heart." (147:3)

Discouragement may come but it need not stay, it need not destroy. When "the soul of the people was much discouraged" (Numbers 21:4) they reacted disgracefully. We musn't do that.

They complained of having no bread and no water, but really meant that they did not like (loathed, in fact) the light bread, the very manna from Heaven, given them of God by a miracle, which was highly sustaining ... certainly most satisfying to the spiritually mature souls.

They were grumbling against God from backslidden hearts and whipping their emotions up to self-justify their complaining spirits.

It is dangerous to whimper neurotically against God over what He permits in our lives. We can stimulate discouragement and minimize the causes of encouragement which God is constantly bringing into our lives.

The Israelites spoke against God without just reason. Their greed and lust caused them their discouragement. We read in Psalm 78:34 that, "When he slew them, then they sought him: and they returned and enquired early after God." They should have enquired earlier!

Remember that, in "The Pilgrim's Progress," Bunyan pictures Christian arriving at "The Slough of Despond." Christian has to face it and cross it on his way to the Eternal City. But he gets stuck there for a while. Yet he finally freed himself and crossed it.

A Word of Encouragement

Are you discouraged about your life and service for Christ? Perhaps you have been teaching a Sunday School class, seemingly in vain.

I used to feel the same way, yet, out of a class of six boys in such a class in a church in Scotland, one is a well-known Scottish Christian businessman, another a Presbyterian minister in

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> **"No weapon that is formed against thee shall prosper; and every tongue that shall rise against thee in judgment thou shalt condemn. This is the heritage of the servants of the Lord, and their righteousness is of me, saith the Lord." (Isaiah 54:17)**

My friend, fret not, He loves thee (John 13:1). Faint not, He holds thee (Psalm 139:10). Fear not, He keeps thee (Psalm 121:5). "Be of good cheer," says Jesus, "I have overcome the world."

"Go labor on, 'tis not for naught, the earthly loss is heavenly gain." These words of a poem learned in childhood have stood me well as an adult and throughout almost a third of a century of unremitting service for God.

I love these other simple lines which come to me as I close this word of cheer to possibly discouraged servants of God:

> **Though the path be lone and cheerless**
> **And the road be rough and steep:**
> **He hath spoken, Who is faithful,**
> **Is His promise not enough?**
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> **He hath said that thou shalt triumph —**
> **Shalt thou, then, be overthrown?**
> **He hath said He will be with thee —**
> **Shall He leave thee all alone?**

What shall separate us from the love of God? Shall trouble or trial? Shall affliction and sorrow? What shall we allow separate us from the work of God? Will we let discouragement do this? We need not for, even as Paul was able to say, "We never give up" (II Corinthians 4:1,16, Williams translation), we may also say so for the same reasons.

"If God be for us, who can be against us?" "Our faith is the victory that has conquered the world." "Greater is He who is in us than he who is in the world."

> **God hath not promised skies ever blue,**
> **Flower-strewn pathways always for you.**
> **God hath not promised sun without rain,**
> **Joy without sorrow, grief without pain.**
> **But He hath promised strength from above,**
> **Unfailing sympathy, undying love.**

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THE SMUT RACKET MUST BE STOPPED

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THE PROBLEM of using pornographic material to attempt to despoil the morals of American youth came to my attention years ago when, as a member of the old Dies Committee of the House of Representatives, we learned that the destruction of the ideals and morals of young Americans ranked high on the action agenda of Communists and their sympathizers in America.

In fact, much of the narcotic dope traffic in this country is traceable to Communist sources.

Later, in the Senate, I endured the most unpleasant assignment of my career in Congress when I was appointed by then Vice President Barkley to serve on a sub-committee to study the extent and significance of sex perversion among employees of the Federal Government. It was with great surprise and sorrow that we discovered the alarming extent of these vices.

In each of these assignments, the trail of an individual's downfall so frequently led back to practices and purposes established by the receipt and reading of obscene literature.

Much of this revolting and repugnant material is sent surreptitiously through the mails. Our Postmaster General, Arthur Summerfield, has long led a hard-hitting crusade to stop this source of slime from spewing its nauseating material into the family mailboxes of America.

He is to be congratulated on his efforts and a great many religious, fraternal, educational, and public welfare groups in America have rallied to his call to arms and are rendering trojan service in helping the public to learn about the steps it can take to help eliminate this trash from the mails and to trap the offenders who stealthily slip it into the channels of communication.

However, short of imposing Government censorship of the mails — and this would be unthinkable and highly undesirable in our great freedom-loving Republic — there are severe limitations on what the Post Office Department can do to curb this terrible traffic in the salesmanship of smut.

Honorable Karl E. Mundt

It is my hope that a Presidential commission will discover and evolve methods for stopping this racket at its source and of punishing those engaged in it before they violate the sanctity of the mail and, whether they distribute their noxious nostrums by express, by truck, by mail, or by personal delivery.

Certainly insofar as this traffic moves across State lines — and most of it does — we should be able to find a way to fix a punishment so certain and severe that this flood of filth can be diminished to a mere trickle if we, indeed, cannot shut it off entirely.

Poisoned Minds

Imagine the extent of national concern and outrage if the Secretary of Health, Education, and Welfare, or of the Department of Agriculture, were to make public an official estimate pointing to the likelihood that milk served at school lunchrooms and cafeterias would expose one out of every eighteen children to a crippling infectious disease.

Can you imagine the furor which such an announcement would generate — the anxious fears of millions of parents? There would be a universal public demand that our children be protected from such a great danger. Congressional committees would investigate. It would be a rare newspaper columnist or radio and television commentator who would not feel it his duty to demand that no stone be left unturned until American school children could be assured of a supply of disease-free milk.

Happily, no such danger exists in connection with the school milk program. However, the obscenity racket comprises a threat to the moral and mental health of our school children.

Postmaster General Summerfield has reported that the volume of obscene literature circulated through the mails has doubled in the last five years to the point where one out of every thirty-five children of school age now receive material from these merchants of filth.

He estimates that if the present trend is not checked, that by 1963 we can expect that one child out of every eighteen will be recipients of some item or items of lewd and pornographical literature.

It is encouraging to note that the Postmaster General is by far not the only American prominent in public and private life who has manifested serious concern over the traffic in obscene literature, and the effect it may have on our youngsters.

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A Question of Morals

However, I cannot but feel that public outrage over this situation does not begin to approach the degree it would if we were speaking of a health hazard which might threaten one out of eighteen school children.

Certainly the maintenance of strong moral standards among our people is of no less importance than the maintenance of strong standards for physical health.

From our earliest beginnings we as a nation have been justifiably proud of and prayerfully thankful for the bountiful resources which have been such a contributing factor to our country's strength.

Of all our resources, I believe we have been most grateful for the wonderful resource we have in our youth.

During times of national emergency they have stood physically straight and tall and have mustered the moral strength to carry the Nation through terrible days.

A morally healthy youth is not only desirable from an ethical standpoint, but it is a completely indispensable factor of national survival in this era of imperialistic warlike threats from godless Communism.

A potential enemy might well elect to cripple America by simultaneously poisoning her water resources.

But, I submit, no easier, or simpler, or more incipient method to crumble America's strength could be devised than a planned program for the erosion of our most precious resource — our youth.

I am of the unshakeable opinion that we have here a national problem requiring the best thinking and collective efforts of all Americans. We might well consider it as we would any pathological disease and like any other pathological infection it has its source or sources and its channels of distribution.

The symptoms of the disease are the terrible and tragic headlines which so often record the act of a berserk youngster. Law enforcement officials point often to the fact that virtually every sex criminal has a record of affinity for obscene literature and pornography.

Watch Your Family Mailbox

The most infectious point of the disease is the family mailbox. It is here that so much of the pornographical sewage is dumped into the hands of so many of our children.

How can such filth find its way to an eight or nine year old? It is not difficult. The collection of names for mailing lists for legitimate purposes is a business which occupies the talents of many industrious and energetic people.

Assembling a list may involve the tedious study of telephone or city directories, publications, trade journals, or a controlled advertisement which may require the recipient to write his name on a special money saving coupon, the value of which can be redeemed in connection with a subsequent purchase.

It has become a science the methods of which are not particularly secret or mysterious.

The same methods are adopted by the merchants of filth who want to develop extensive channels of distribution to American youngsters.

They may refer to high school yearbooks or graduation lists, or newspaper stories listing the names of youngsters engaging in some church or school activity or another for names.

Sometimes the child's fancy is caught by an advertisement in a normal, respectable publication offering stamps or doll clothes or model airplanes at bargain prices. Sometimes, with the consent of his parents, the child sends for and receives the item.

This can be the innocent-appearing device by which his name is added to the mailing list and soon that same child will begin receiving lewd solicitations through the mail.

Unfortunately as is the case with narcotics, obscene literature develops a progressive pattern. Once exposed, the youngster acquires an insatiable appetite or curiosity for the increasingly obscene.

The Parents' Roll

Frequently alert parents may discover that a son or daughter is receiving items of such a shocking nature through the mails. All too often, however, the situation is not immediately discovered by parents and as the child develops an appetite for this type of literature he also invents the necessary protective schemes to assure future safe delivery of such material.

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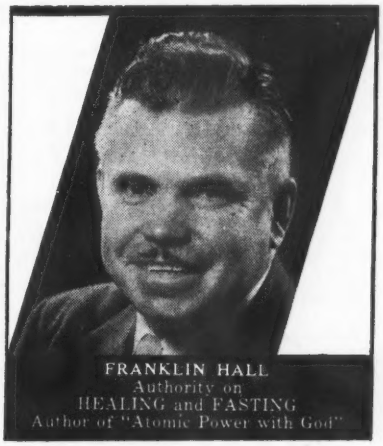

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Some youngsters, in order to satisfy their growing appetites for the pornographic and obscene, may help the dealer to peddle his filth in return for a discount on the cost of the material for which he himself is hooked.

An indirect but tragic result occurs when a child who has never been exposed to obscene material becomes a victim of the criminal who is affected by it.

Those who traffic in this vile business of smut are finding to their sorrow that increasing numbers of alert parents are furnishing the Post Office Department with the obscene materials which have come to their children through the mails.

The Department reports that this accelerated interest of parents in what their children are reading has resulted in an encouraging increase in the number of arrests of these merchants of filth, with their convictions being facilitated by a 1958 revision of the law which makes it possible to prosecute not only at the point of mailing obscene material but in the communities where it is received.

Any proposal to organize a concerted effort to drive publishers of obscene and lewd literature to the wall is certain to be met by cries of "censorship" and "violation of the freedom of the press."

Certainly it is not censorship or a violation of civil liberties to prevent the sale of narcotics to high school youngsters or to forbid the sale of liquor to underage girls and boys.

Moral and Mental Health

There should be little reasonable doubt that a child's moral and mental health is sufficiently important to require that he be protected as much as possible from the degradation constantly depicted in smutty literature.

Ways short of censorship and compatible with our wise and proper respect for the privacy of our mails must be developed to deal with this fast-growing menace.

Then there are those who will argue that the exposure of a child to obscene literature is an ordinary thing; that it is something which has been and will be around always; that he should develop discerning reading habits at an early age.

They ignore the testimony of psychiatrists who point to the frequent cases where a perfectly healthy child has been continually exposed to the depravities of smutty material and eventually turned into a creature with distorted and immoral ideas — if not an actual pervert.

I observed earlier that the dangerous effects of these racketeers of the obscene has become the active concern of many individuals and groups, public and private. This is indeed encouraging, but I wish it were the concern of more people.

Unless public pressure is sufficient in intensity and duration to drive these racketeers completely out of business, the threat will continue to fester and infect more and more children.

It is encouraging to read reports of the constructive actions now under way by good Americans, everywhere, to sound the warning and to take the steps required to stamp out this profiteering in filth.

The Roll of the Church

Our church leaders are doing magnificent work in counseling their parishioners from the pulpit and through religious organizations to fight back against these predatory peddlers of smut.

Educational leaders, parent-teacher associations, extension clubs, the Toastmasters Clubs of America, women's organizations, and many others are conducting educational campaigns to advise their members and associates on how best to cooperate with the Post Office Department and with Federal law enforcement officials in exposing and eliminating the money-mad monsters who make a lush living out of producing and purveying materials designed to destroy the good life for others.

State and city officials of government are cooperating with the Federal Government to close tight the narrowing ring in which these malicious people operate. But more needs to be done.

Postmaster General Arthur Summerfield said recently: "We are in effect declaring war on these purveyors of filth, big and little, high and low. We are launching an intense and unrelenting effort to stop this monstrous assault on the Nation's children in every way possible. And we are confident that, with adequate public and legislative support, this job can be done."

He has urged every parent and every uplift organization in America to join in the war against these wanton individuals.

Lewdness through the mails will be short lived if each of us in our respective capacities picks up the cudgels, now, and joins in the battle to clean up America, and to punish and prevent these "mental litterbugs" by methods which will effectively drive them out of business or put them behind penitentiary bars.

What Every Citizen Can Do

Every American can find a place to function in the ranks of those determined to bring this clean-up campaign to victory. Every parent can be of assistance in achieving this victory by taking the following steps when opportunity presents itself:

First. If obscene and noxious literature is received in the family mailbox, save all materials received, including the envelope in which they come, and all enclosures.

Second. Report the arrival of such material to your local postmaster, turning over to him all the items which are received either in person or by mail. Postal inspectors everywhere have been alerted to work with local postmasters to take action on this evidence by applying the Federal laws against the mailing of pornographic materials.

Third. Working with your postmaster, and he with Federal inspectors, parents can write "come-on" letters to the senders of seductive filth to collect additional evidence useful to the FBI and to the other Federal law enforcement officials, making sure to turn over to them every additional letter and bit of evidence received through the mails.

Fourth. Each of us can help to mobilize community support behind adequate law enforcement and in support of severe sentences against those guilty ones who are apprehended in their crimes.

Fifth. Every one of us can help to alert parents and others to be on the alert, so as to detect obscene material upon arrival and to forward the evidence as has just been suggested.

Sixth. In addition to such Federal laws as need to be enacted and such a Presidential commission as I have proposed, each of us, by working through our churches and the organization to which we belong, can press for adequate protective legislation at the State and city levels of government. Special informative programs before adult audiences and organizations of every kind can be most helpful in alerting the general public.

It has been said correctly: "Freedom is everybody's business." It is likewise true that the elimination of such filthy practices as the distribution of noxious, obscene literature or its display on magazine racks and sales counters of decent business places is also everybody's business.

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Editor's Note: The author of the accompanying article is Superintendent of Defender missionary activities in the Republic of Guatemala. A consecrated servant of Christ, one of his favorite Scripture passages is Hebrews 12:14 ... "Follow peace with all men, and holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord."

MY BEGINNING in life was not very auspicious. Born in the early 1930's in a small village deep in the heart of Guatemala, my parents were illiterate. In spite of this handicap, they had something to offer me, far more precious than silver or gold ... for they were Protestants who built their life on a firm religious foundation.

As a result, I was converted to Christianity at an early age and have served Him to the best of my ability since that precious hour.

About the same time I accepted Christ, my parents enrolled me in the public school, but the opportunity was soon forfeited, for we moved as a family to another village where no educational facilities were available.

It was not until eight years later that I was able to return once again to school. By that time, however, I was earning my own living. It was not an easy task to start my formal education as a young man of sixteen ... but I was determined to learn, and have so persevered since that date.

While undertaking this new program of education, I was quite active in Church work, helping in particular with youth rallies in various local congregations.

At this time I discovered that God had blessed me with a natural talent for music. After only two brief lessons, I found that organ playing came easily, and thus it was not too long before I was proficient in the field of church music.

A few months after my sixteenth birthday we moved to Guatemala City, where my activities continued. At the age of nineteen I decided it was necessary to learn the English language, as it was my desire to come to America some day to complete my studies.

As a result, I enrolled in an English Correspondence School, from which I graduated four years later. At this time I endeavored to secure the necessary papers for traveling in the States, but the plans did not materialize.

Desiring to further my education, I enrolled in a School of Accounting, but my duties in the Church multiplied so rapidly that it soon became necessary to drop the course.

Three years ago I returned to school to study French, a tongue which I am still endeavoring to conquer. During the same period, I have devoted many precious hours studying God's Holy Word as an off-campus student of a Seminary in Costa Rica.

Realizing the importance of still further education, as a stepping stone to more effective service to God, and to become a better citizen of my country, I am now in process of completing essential studies which will enable me, with God's help, to enroll in a University in the near future. Pray with me toward that end.

My Call To The Ministry

It had never entered my mind as a young man to be a preacher. Ever since early school days I had desired to become a lawyer. Not until much later did I learn that God had different plans for my life.

I earnestly sought His will through prayer, and when it was revealed to me, I did not oppose the idea. At that time, a deep conviction impelled me to dedicate my time, my strength, my mind and my whole will to the service of God. It was not from a choice of my own, but a compulsion from God to defend His cause. He needs dedicated men for His great work!

In July of 1954 a small congregation called me to be their Pastor. At first I had misgivings, for the group could promise no financial remuneration, and in order to serve one must live. But after praying, I knew God would honor this step of faith. I have trusted Him for my material needs ever since. "There

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I was still a young man, but God blessed my ministry. We began by leasing a room in a small house, in which to conduct regular worship services. The cost was $15.00 a month.

God blessed the congregation and it began to grow. It was soon necessary to occupy the entire house, at a cost of $40.00. At this time I began to feel the need of constructing our own place of worship.

After placing the matter before God, we began to accumulate a building fund. Slowly but surely contributions came in ... small in size, but after two years we were able to purchase a lot, by paying for it by installments.

Shortly after the ground was secured, we felt it was time to begin construction of the building. We lacked only one thing — money! I encouraged the brethren to start erecting the worship center on faith.

The day we began there was exactly eighty-seven cents in the building fund. Some of the worshippers were quite disappointed and disheartened, but God had promised to bless our efforts so we began work, utilizing the individual talents of our own members.

We marked off the foundation, and the entire male membership of the church joined together in digging with shovels, until the basement was completed.

After this start, unbelievers and those whose faith was not so strong, recognized that we were sincere. Their hearts were touched and additional contributions came in, so we were not too long in completing the project.

Shortly after the church building was dedicated, I was led to branch out with the Gospel, feeling it was selfish for us to keep it for ourselves alone. Our Lord commands "go," and we dared not disobey.

About this time I met Brother Raul Paredes, who lived in a nearby city by the name of San Antonio La Paz. He was burdened for his neighbors. The need was great. There was gross sin everywhere, and many of the people were ungodly.

We prayed much about the matter, and before long we went to San Antonio La Paz to preach the Gospel. It was not an easy task. There were many hurdles to clear and much opposition, but our efforts were rewarded. Today a Gospel Lighthouse stands as a testimony to our efforts, where the salvation story is told freely to all.

Since that day other congregations have been organized. God has been with us each step of the way. It is my vision to enlarge the work until every city, village and hamlet in Guatemala will have a mission station where souls can be won for Christ.

The Defender Testimony

As God blessed our efforts, various denominations approached us concerning the possibility of working under their auspices. But somehow, I was not led to accept their invitations. I felt there was a reason why the way was blocked.

We desired to remain interdenominational in character, thus making it possible to reach more people for Christ. Our work needed a name. At a meeting of young people one evening we decided on the name of "Defenders of the Christian Faith," little dreaming that one day we would actually be *Defensores de la fe.* At that time we had no knowledge of that organization, whose international headquarters are in Wichita, Kansas.

In 1957 my sister, who lives in New York City, wrote me of the wonderful blessings she was receiving by attending a Defender church in that area. She explained in detail the Defender vision, and encouraged me to write Dr. Jose A. Hernandez, Superintendent of the work in the continental United States.

I followed her suggestion, and told Brother Hernandez something of our efforts in Guatemala. He wrote most enthusiastically, advising me to contact the Wichita office. This was just a few months prior to the death of Dr. Winrod, who was at that time President of Defenders of the Christian Faith.

He informed me it was his hope that he would soon be able to visit our "land of eternal Spring." God, however, saw fit to take him to "a far better country," where one never grows old, the body knows no sickness or pain, and life is eternal.

Shortly after the untimely death of Dr. Winrod, Brother Hernandez undertook the long, arduous trip to Guatemala ... driving all the way, over many perilous roads, to see with his own eyes the work in our country.

He visited our various places of worship and a full report of his trip was made in the May and June, 1958 issues of this publication.

During his stay with us, he called together a group of local pastors and I was officially ordained to the ministry, a happy yet solemn occasion. What a wonderful privilege to serve God under the auspices of the Defenders Movement!

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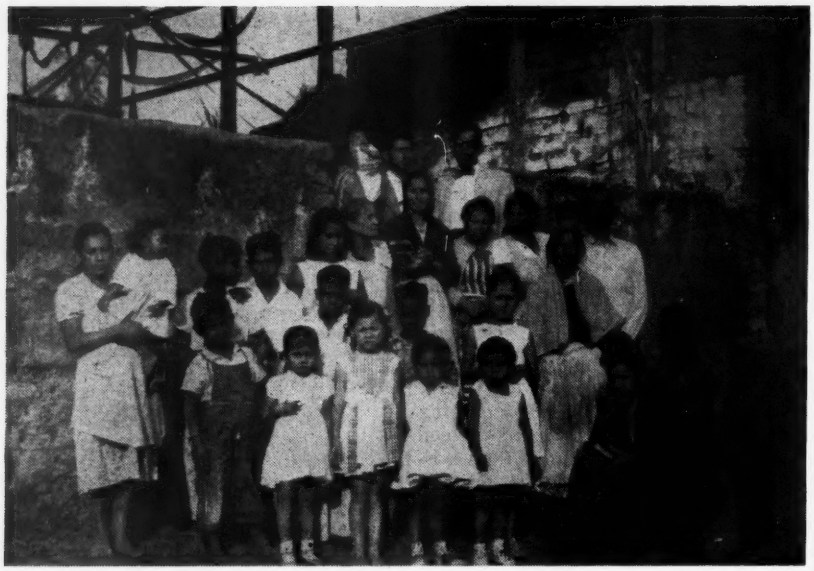

A portion of the congregation at Villa Nueva, Guatemala. Brother Davila stands toward the back, in bow tie and dark glasses. The church is in process of constructing a new building. Notice the neatness of the children ... and the Bibles in the hands of worshippers.

ence proved to be a great blessing to our people.

The days of fellowship were inspirational. Special services were conducted, which made it possible to reach fellow Christians of all denominations. The comradeship of these few days was a spiritual highlight.

Villa Nueva

At the present time we have nine places of worship in Guatemala. Four of these have Sponsors ... but the remaining five are struggling along, without financial aid, trusting God to supply their needs.

The church at Villa Nueva is particularly on my heart today. They have been faithful and patient. As some of you will recall, they have been accumulating adobe bricks, looking forward to the day when they could construct a building of their own.

The time is now at hand. Erection has begun. As finances are supplied, the structure will progress. Pray for these dedicated children of God.

The spiritual health of the Villa Nueva Church is excellent, but economically it is sad. Although they were recently assigned a Sponsor, they are unable to maintain funds with which to construct the building, and pay a salary for a full-time pastor at the same time.

Join with them in prayer concerning this matter, asking Him to lay their needs on the heart of some Defender friend.

Plans for further development and enlargement of the work here in Guatemala are in the offing. We are moving forward on several fronts, all of which lead toward one goal — the salvation of souls — through preaching, through the printed page, and by way of radio. The needs are great, but our God is sufficient!

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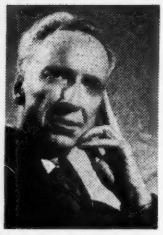

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Question: How do you answer the man who says he does not believe in missions?

Answer: Then he must prefer to be a heathen. Because, if it had not been for missions he would not be a Christian. Does that man really mean to say he would rather live in a heathen country than in this one? If it had not been for missions, this nation would have been a heathen country and that man would have been born in a heathen jungle. It is only because of missions that that man is a citizen in a so-called Christian country and enjoying the blessings of Christianity, and it is only because of missions that he is not living in the midst of heathenism.

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SOME OF THE most important lessons of the Bible come to us in the simplest statements, the shortest phrases and, at times, the least noticed passages.

Likewise, some of life's greatest experiences may be of a similar nature. Things scarcely noted in passing may prove, in later life, to be of great moral and spiritual value.

From the pages of our past the Holy Spirit oftentimes draws the applications and understanding of vital Scriptural truths.

Paul the Apostle, writing to Timothy concerning the qualifications of the shepherd of God's flock (the pastor), shares a portion of his wealth of experience to one newer in the faith and service of Jesus.

In verse six of chapter three of the First Epistle to Timothy he utilizes a noun that appears only once in our King James translation ... the word *novice*. This one-time use, however, does not detract from its importance but, in careful reading and study (and from personal experience), we can glean the hidden fullness of the passage.

The instructor says to young Timothy, concerning those who are to become pastors, that they should be "Not a novice, lest being lifted up with pride he fall into the condemnation of the devil."

The marginal reference clarifies the term "novice," indicating that it means "one newly come to the faith." We might well wonder why this should be when we observe the fire, zeal, joy, coupled with an eagerness to serve ... as well as the other characteristics of the new convert.

At the time it did not make much of an impression, but when I was a lad the Lord gave me an object lesson that applies to this verse, which now helps me better understand the reason for this warning by the Apostle Paul.

A Strange Vehicle

It was in the ranch country of South Park, Colorado, that vast cattle and hay land surrounded by the lofty peaks of the Rockies. I was visiting on one of the local ranches during a summer vacation. The haying season was in full swing. A chance inquiry one day gave me the answer to the "novice" question that would not come up until years later.

As I was looking around the ranch on this particular day I saw a strange looking contraption, not exactly a conventional vehicle even in an area where the horse was still commonly used.

It appeared to be some type of wagon or cart, but instead of the tongue of an ordinary length, it had one at least twice as long. My curiosity was unbounded. Naturally I asked what it was.

The friend who was showing me around explained that it was a "breaking cart." In answer to other questions, this is what I learned ...

When a colt is of an age to put to work, he is not immediately hitched to the mower, dump rake, buck rake or wagon. It has been found more practical to "break" him first. The "breaking cart" is a part of the process.

Certainly the colt has the fire, the zeal, the strength, the urge to go, but it must be properly channeled and controlled until it is profitable to the owner.

It was explained to me, and I can now see how reasonable it is, that to hitch an unbroken colt to a fancy, costly rig, or to a piece of machinery, without being able to control him, might prove expensive, if not disastrous.

These colts sometimes kick, buck, bite, fall, or run away, with considerable damage to both rig and driver. The breaking cart was the answer.

These unbroken colts were hitched out at the end of the long tongue with a tried and steady broken horse, one who would not easily shy at some little movement around them.

If the colts kicked, the rig and driver would be out of the way. If they tried to buck, the older horse would hold them in check. The long tongue was heavier and not so easily moved. Oh, these ranchers had a lot of practical theology!

God's Infinite Wisdom

This is God's plan for the novice. Put a young Timothy with a stable Paul. In the church, team the novice up with a tried and true pastor. Don't hitch him too close to the rig (the church). If he kicks or bucks or bites, he won't be able to wreck the church, hurting some of the people in the rig.

Let him work out on the end of the tongue with the more experienced servant until his energies are sufficiently controlled and guided. He may hurt himself sometimes, he may break the harness, he may pitch and foam, but the experience will be of untold value, and it won't hurt the fragile machinery of the church or the young Christians in the rig.

The Apostle Paul knew these things. He had never been in South Park, Colorado but the Lord likened him to the unwieldly, unbroken ox when he "broke" him, out there on the road to Damascus.

"It is hard for thee to kick against the pricks," the Lord said to Saul. The Amplified New Testament translates this phrase: "It is dangerous and it turns out badly for you to keep kicking against the goad — that is, to offer vain and perilous resistance."

Saul of Tarsus was a zealous, unbroken colt, a novice at that time. Three years later, after being harnessed to the obedient servant Jesus Christ for a period of special training, he was the steady, determined, matured Apostle Paul.

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Editor's Note: This is the true story of a Christian who, through an unfortunate combination of circumstances, was compelled to endure a lengthy prison experience.

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This article introduces George B. Dewey (pictured opposite) ... who conceived the idea of establishing the Rainbow Redemption Associates, Inc.

THE BIBLE is rich with stories of men and women who had been imprisoned not for any crime, but through *false witnesses and as a means of persecution.* (Hebrews 11:32-38). It is no disgrace in the eyes of God to endure persecution ... indeed, "Blessed are ye, when men shall revile you, and persecute you, and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely, for my sake. Rejoice, and be exceeding glad: for great is your reward in heaven." (Matthew 5:11-12)

"And they took knowledge of them, that they had been with Jesus." Peter and John had done a kindly deed by healing a crippled man at the Beautiful Gate of the Temple. Their only motive was to glorify the name of the Lord Jesus Christ. "Silver and gold have I none," said Peter, "but such as I have give I thee: In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth rise up and walk." (Acts 3:1-7)

The immediate result was their imprisonment. Religious leaders who had crucified Jesus, "being grieved that they (Peter and John) taught the people, and preached through Jesus the resurrection from the dead ... laid hands on them, and put them in hold."

The ordeal of Peter and John ended with their persecutors marveling at their poise and wisdom.

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It was through a similar unfortunate situation that George B. Dewey recently passed. The October, 1955 *Defender* reported his predicament: "It seems from the beginning of his trouble, a studied plan has been in operation to wear him down."

A follow-up article in the May, 1956 *Defender* stated: "Dr. Dewey has powerful enemies. He has been fighting Communism since the early nineteen thirties, defending Americanism in ways that really hurt the opposition. His name has been, time and again, ruthlessly plastered with falsehood and smear propaganda."

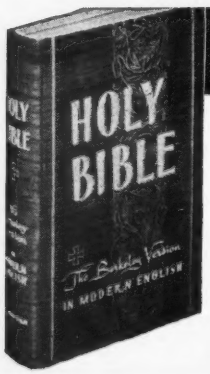
Financially unable to defend himself, and tricked by his crafty enemies, Dr. Dewey was sentenced to imprisonment. After passing victoriously through his own personal Gethsemane, he was able to write to praying friends: "This experience has driven me closer to my Lord and Saviour ... I shall try to repay Him by helping, to some degree at least, to repair damaged lives I am meeting here."

When the initial shock had passed, and he could say from the depths of his heart, "Not my will, but thine, be done," God began to use him to bring hope to those less fortunate men among whom he had been placed. Then he began to understand the "afterward" of Hebrews 12:11 ... "No chastening for the present seemeth to be joyous, but grievous: nevertheless *afterward* it yielded the peaceable fruit of righteousness unto them which are exercised thereby."

Thank God, He does give such an *afterward* of peace and joy — the fruitage of righteousness ... and then can assimilate for His glory the consecrated life which is enriched by this fruit!

Dr. Dewey emerged from this frightful ordeal to be used of God to organize and energize a movement to place before the American people the immense need for the redemption and rehabilitation of those who have paid their debt to society and have been released. He writes, "I have lived among men who have had no link with friends; men in khaki uniforms but without the soldier's glory — thousands of men with nothing to differentiate them except peculiar, unrealistic heartaches. I believe I now understand Bethlehem, Gethsemane, and Golgotha in a new, realistic way. Now I can pray, MAKE ME THY FUEL, O flame of God!"

Behind bars Dr. Dewey led men to Christ. He prayed with them, had compassion for their heartaches, comforted them in grief, helped them by writing their letters, always holding before them the example of the Lord Jesus Christ, Who was anointed, "to preach the gospel to the poor ... to heal the broken-hearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the



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blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised." (Luke 4:18)

During this time God was unfolding a plan to Dr. Dewey ... revealing to him how he could aid inmates eligible for release, with no job and nothing to look forward to when free. It is a known fact that six out of every ten return to prison because life outside provides them neither work to earn an honest living, nor Christian encouragement at a time it is most needed. The plight of these people, many of whom are nauseated with the kind of life they have led, has burdened Dr. Dewey's heart. It has been his dream to launch a movement to organize people of good will in cities near prisons, whereby suitable work, social contacts, and Church privileges can be arranged for them.

In June, 1960 a group of understanding men and women whose Christian love reaches out to these unfortunate ones, formed a Corporation, known as Rainbow Redemption Associates, Inc.

It was so named because the *Rainbow* is a symbol of hope; *Redemption* from sin their vital need, (as well as redemption from the unfortunate effects of their misdeeds upon their families and friends) *Associates* indicates the need they all have for friendly, Christian fellowship to offset the usual ostracism of society.

The jails and prisons of our country hold nearly a quarter million inmates, and afford an exceedingly fertile home mission field ... one that is sadly neglected. These range from City Jails, to State and Federal penitentiaries, and include reformatories, detention homes, industrial schools, prison camps, women's farms, etc., but all with one purpose, the setting apart of offenders against the law of the land.

All are "houses of sorrow," all have the distinctive prison odor of sin, and each is permeated with a sense of unhappiness, frustration, and desperation. Occasionally one finds "a Star in a Prison" who, like Dr. Dewey, has dedicated his life to God and fellowmen, and ministers to fellow inmates in a Christ-like way — one who, like Paul, can say, "The things which happened unto me have fallen out rather unto the furtherance of the gospel; So that my bonds *in Christ* are manifest ... that in nothing I shall be ashamed, but that Christ shall be magnified in my body."

The basic purposes of the organization are as follows:

To enlist Christian workers versed in the techniques of prison aid to establish local Chapters of Rainbow Redemption Associates in every State of the Union; to distribute literature; to promote personal evangelism in the prisons and provide spiritual education for inmates who are converted.

The Chapters will set up a program for the purpose of educating local workers in finding people in all walks of life who would be willing to help inmates upon completion of their terms.

Penologists agree that most prisoners who are qualified for release would make useful citizens if they could find proper employment and again live and work with people who have confidence in them; who have eliminated all "better than thou" tendencies in themselves and can say, "There, but for the grace of God, go I."

Rainbow Redemption Associates, under the guidance of Dr. Dewey and other qualified leaders, can do much to meet this need. They will work with prison and law officials. Since the prison provides the released person with only a new suit of clothes and twenty-five dollars in cash, aid must be *immediate and effectual.*

Associated with Dr. Dewey in launching Rainbow Redemption Associates is another devoted Christian worker, Rev. Edwin Folsom of Alabama, a pastor and radio evangelist of exceptional ability. He has many years of experience in prison evangelism to his credit, and is richly endowed with Christian love and forbearance for the lost.

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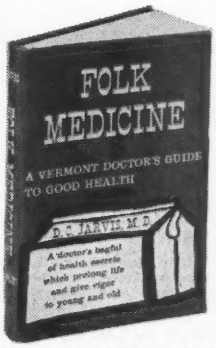

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LESSON NUMBER ONE

August 21, 1960

THE CUP OF FURY

The Key Word: Drink

According to the 1960 World Almanac almost one million individuals were arrested in the United States during the year 1958. In addition to this, more than 102,000 others were apprehended for driving while under the influence of liquor.

The shocking fact is that strong drink accounted for almost fifty per cent of arrests for all causes during 1958. You may rest assured that, for every thousand persons jailed, another five thousand were never even approached by a police officer.

In this "modern age," it is considered "smart" to drink ... to socialize ... to attend the "cocktail hour." Those who do not indulge in such "fashionable" practices are considered odd, queer, or religious fanatics.

America has certainly "progressed" in the last 184 years. Gone are the days of the old saloons, where only the town drunks and men with no regard for their reputation were frequent visitors.

Gone is the era of Prohibition where the libertine, wise to the ways of his day, could knock on a certain door, whispering, "Joe sent me," in order to fulfil his desire for illegal spirits.

Today we have reached the "peak of refinement." Alcohol is no longer hidden behind closed doors, or locked in dusty cellars. Instead, it is paraded before the eyes of even the smallest tots, by means of the modern miracle of television.

This writer witnessed what he considers the peak in "raw salesmanship" a few days ago when he walked into a room where a television program was in progress. It showed a father wilfully allowing his eight-year-old son to become intoxicated. After this marvelous achievement, the entire family sat around the table, laughing at the antics of the lad. And this was supposed to be entertainment!

The average man on the street remarks, "Yes, but see how much revenue the government is getting from the sale of alcoholic beverages. In 1958 alone it took in $2,946,461,000 ... and in 1959 this figure rose to $3,002,096,000."

The government may profit from these taxes but the sum total of this income can never replace the life of that boy or girl slain on the highway by a drinking driver.

The government may rub its hands in glee over this source of revenue, but not one scintilla of it can bring a smile to the face of a once happy wife ... nor wipe away the heartache of children whose homes have been wrecked by the bleary-eyed victims of alcohol.

The Key Verse: Isaiah 5:20

"Woe unto them that call evil good, and good evil; that put darkness for light, and light for darkness; that put bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter!"

The punishment of this sin is the failure of life, its waste and loss, and the shipwreck of the human soul.

The rose is a glorious flower, but attacked by insects or disease it can produce nothing of beauty. Careers that might have been prosperous and happy are cut short, blighted by disgrace, the conscience seared, the distinction between right and wrong lost. This is the woe that befalls those who miscall things which God has stamped with His own seal.

Those who defend the alcohol industry should bear this verse in mind, for they in truth call evil good and good evil. Nor is there any room for compromise, for the product of this industry brings only bitterness and darkness.

The Key Fact: God Pleads For Total Abstinence

Frances E. Willard once asked the famous inventor, Thomas A. Edison, if he were a total abstainer, to which the great man readily replied "Yes."

Miss Willard then asked, "Was it your home influence that made you so?" to which Edison stated: "No, I think it was because I always felt that I had a better use for my head."

Who can measure the loss to the world if that wonderful instrument of thought, that gave so much light and help in the practical mechanism of living, had become sodden with drink?

Only eternity will reveal those who, without the influence of alcohol, might have changed the course of history. As desire for liquor increased, their interest in all other matters faded into oblivion.

It was St. Augustine who said: "While the drunkard swallows wine, the wine swallows him. God disregards him, angels despise him; men deride him, virtue declines him, the devil destroys him."

LESSON NUMBER TWO

August 28, 1960

UNHOLY ALLIANCES

The Key Word: Counsel

Everyone, at one time or another, needs counseling. The wise person readily listens to the advice of the more mature individual . . . for nothing can take the place of experience.

Yet we should be careful to whom we turn. Well-meaning friends can do more harm than good by entering a field for which they have no real qualification. Still others, with no heart interest in the one seeking aid, and without knowing the complete story, make hasty recommendations. Their appraisal of the situation can be defective.

In the lesson today Isaiah pronounces judgment on his people. He brands them as a rebellious generation, as children placing false hope in foolish alliances with a heathen nation whose power they grossly exaggerate.

He reminds them that the one sure foundation is the God of their fathers. In Him alone can the solution of their problems be found.

The same message applies to us today. On almost any page in the Holy Scriptures you can discover words of wisdom to fit your particular need.

Are you worried or concerned? Turn to such refreshing passages as Psalm 43:5, Matthew 6:31-32, Philippians 4:6-7,19 or First Peter 5:6-7. Where possible read the verses from the Amplified New Testament.

Are you lonely? Then turn to Psalm 23, Psalm 27:10, Isaiah 41:10, Matthew 28:20 or Hebrews 13:5 for encouragement.

These are but two examples. Search the Scriptures. In them you will find unfailing counsel . . . the pages are heavy with pearls of wisdom.

They Key Verse: Isaiah 30:15

"For thus saith the Lord God, the Holy One of Israel; In returning and rest shall ye be saved; in quietness and in confidence shall be your strength: and ye would not."

Let us ponder the four words which the prophet here uses to indicate in what direction their salvation lay, and upon what terms they might be sure of Divine interposition and abiding protection.

Returning. Instead of imploring Egypt to help, and impoverishing themselves by an alliance forbidden, senseless and unprofitable, they would be assured of God's forgiveness and favor by returning in brokenness of spirit to Him. The place of confession is the place of forgiveness.

Rest. The meaning is, of course, such a resting in God as would prove the genuineness of their return to Him. Vain is reliance on the multitude of chariots and horsemen which they considered a valuable addition to the fighting strength of Judah.

Quietness. How the very word rebukes the haste, excitement and trepidation with which they had prepared for the siege of their city by the Assyrians.

Confidence. Isaiah reproved them for trusting in Egyptian prowess. Only on God should they hinge their confidence.

Each of these four words applies also to the person who has lost the joy of his salvation. *Return* to God today. Turn your back on your sinful ways. In the Heavenly Father, you will once again have *rest*, for He alone can bring *quietness* of soul, and in Him your *confidence* will never be misplaced!

The Key Fact: We Determine Our Spiritual Growth

All spiritual progress depends, primarily and efficiently, upon the grace of God. But the order of God's work is such that this progress is helped or hindered by ourselves.

The growth of plants and flowers depends materially upon the nature of the soil in which they are set, and upon their capacity for receiving the influences of air and sunshine, dew and shower.

And it is much the same in the growth of holy character; it is checked or advanced by our prevailing moral disposition. "Quietness and confidence" imply a state of mind the most favorable to Divine operations. The subject may be viewed in another light.

In the endeavor to live a holy life, we become conscious of hindrances, arising from lapses and failures. We go on, well for a time; but temptation overtakes us, unwatchfulness follows, and we fall, perhaps not into any great sin, but from the vantage-ground that we thought we had reached.

Now, what is the effect of this upon a Christian of excitable, impulsive, unsteady nature? Why, commonly, he will be discouraged and dismayed.

But it is not so with the Christian who is marked by "quietness and confidence." He will say, "Rejoice not over me, O mine enemy; for though I fall, I shall rise again."

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LESSON NUMBER THREE

September 4, 1960

GOD'S OMNIPRESENT HAND

The Key Word: Hand

God writes with a legible hand. Through the ages He has covered the walls of countless nations, including America, with His handwriting. We find it written into our state papers, in words spoken by American statesmen of the past and present, in the songs that we sing, in the literature that is written, and in the aspirations of our people.

Dr. Frank Gunsaulus, a noted preacher of a previous generation, once said: "Statesmanship is seeing where Almighty God is going, then getting things out of His way."

The proudest heritage of the American Republic is the fact that all through its history there has run, like a golden thread, a deeply religious strain. Referring to the discovery of America, Frank Bristol said:

"When it is remembered that Columbus desired to spread the Gospel to the uttermost parts of the earth . . . that his expedition of discovery was begun in prayer . . . that he insisted upon the worship of God as one of the duties of the ship's company . . . that after the voyage of seventy days on an unknown sea, the sight of the new world was greeted by exultant sailors with the singing of a hymn . . . that Columbus sprang upon the new world, planted the Cross, and knelt in prayer . . .

"And when the history of America is remembered, from that great hour to this, the Christian thinker sees in it all the hand of God, leading to the execution of a Divine plan."

We were able to build a great and powerful nation because our leaders of the past relied upon the hand of the Almighty. They believed in God. They had respect for the Word of God, and this faith was reflected in everything they said and did.

Today the security of our Nation depends upon each individual citizen — upon you, upon me, upon the youth of our land who will be the citizens of tomorrow. Only as God continues to lead can we hope to survive.

Whether we retain our strength as a nation, and our national character, will likewise depend upon the individual citizen. The whole cannot be stronger than its part.

The parts are the individuals, who compose our citizenship . . . and as these parts are good or bad, in the aggregate, so will be the Nation. Public virtue cannot exist except as it is founded upon private virtue.

The Key Verse: Isaiah 14:27

"For the Lord of hosts hath purposed, and who shall disannul it? and his hand is stretched out, and who shall turn it back?"

The wheels of a clock or a watch move contrary one to another . . . some one way, and some another, yet they all serve the intent of the workman, to show the time, and to make the clock to strike.

So in the affairs of the world the providence of God may seem to run contrary to His promises. One man takes this way, another runs that way. Good men go one way, wicked men another. Yet in the end all accomplish the will and center in the purpose of God, the Creator of all things.

The Bible sets forth God's great master plan for humanity. Who has the ability to thwart His goal? Satan, the Prince of this world and of the Powers of the Air, will not succeed. His crime will be rewarded by eternal punishment.

God does not desire that any soul should be lost. He earnestly seeks the salvation of everyone. Yet all who turn their backs on Him are rebels, the same as Satan . . . and their fate will likewise be eternal doom in hell.

The Key Fact: America Needs Strong Religious Foundations

Any visitor to Washington, D.C. cannot help but be impressed with the beauty of its structures, especially the one with the high dome that transcends the vision from a great distance.

Once you have entered the city and walked up its broad avenues and approached the Capitol building, you are impressed with the beauty of its architecture. On the inside you are awed by its magnificence.

The walls are of highly polished marble. There is a striking scheme of coloring. The dome is supported by immense pillars of onyx, which rise to a great height.

But what sustains this beauty? Down beneath the superstructure, in the Capitol building at Washington, lie strong, broad foundation stones, without which the beauty could not exist.

In like manner, there is need for vigorous national character — a keen sense of right and wrong, with a will to do the right. There is need for solid, bedrock character beneath the superstructure of our national government, to make certain its strength and security.

LESSON NUMBER FOUR

September 11, 1960

THE ROAD TO PEACE

The Key Word: Jesse

The first verse of the eleventh chapter of Isaiah foretells the birth of the Messiah, making special mention of the family through which He would come.

But why is Jesse mentioned here, rather than David, his more illustrious son? Partly to point out the birthplace of the Messiah. Jesse appears to have spent his life at Bethlehem, and was known as the Bethlehemite; whereas David, for the greater part of his life, dwelt at Hebron and Jerusalem.

Jesse was of a more humble class than his son David; so Jesus, though superior to David as a royal king, being David's Lord as well as his descendant, in His actual life in the flesh, lived more like the humble Jesse than the royal David.

Note also that it was out of the stem of Jesse that the rod was to come forth — from a stump where nothing but stem and root remained, not out of a noble tree with wide-spreading branches.

"And a Branch shall grow out of his roots." It is intimated here that the Branch which should be formed from the roots would in time grow into a beautiful and glorious Tree.

How exactly all this describes the birth and lineage of Jesus Christ. Was ever a Branch so glorious in its increase? What noble fruits have hung on that Branch.

Examine Isaiah's vision closer. He saw a mighty forest, whose tall trees sent their roots down deep into the earth, and whose branches cast wide shadows.

These were the proud nations that oppressed Israel, and seemed strong enough to stand forever. But they were to lose their glory. Among them was a stump, sending up from decay and humiliation a small, tender, but vigorous shoot.

This was the ancient but fallen house of David; and the green Branch was the fulfillment of the promise that there should never fail to be one to sit on the throne of David.

With the coronation of the King "they shall not hurt or destroy in all my holy mountain (government): for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the Lord, as the waters cover the sea."

The Key Verse: Isaiah 11:5

"And righteousness shall be the girdle of his loins, and faithfulness the girdle of his reins."

As a girdle surounds a man's entire body, and is seen to advantage from any position, in like manner, these two Divine excellences should every way appear most conspicuous in the Messiah's administration of His kingdom.

Since the girdles of the ancients served to fasten the loose flowing garments that were then worn, and to strengthen the loins of those who used them, so these glorious perfections complete the character of the King of Israel and give vigor to the exercise of regal authority.

As girdles served in ancient times for ornaments to the persons who wore them, so righteousness and faithfulness eminently adorn the personal conduct and public character of the Prince of Peace, the King of kings, and Lord of lords.

These two amiable qualities cannot be separated, and serve mutually to illustrate each other: faithfulness is necessary to fulfill the promises of God, and righteousness is no less requisite to discern the characters of those to whom they ought to be fulfilled, in what measure, and in what time they should be accomplished.

The Key Fact: Christ Is The Prince Of Peace

First, Christ *possesses* peace in greater measure than any other. It is all at His command. He is the Prince of Peace!

He dwells where noise of strife and tumult never reaches, where discord is unknown, change unexperienced.

Through the Holy Spirit we are privileged to understand and experience the eternal calm which reigns in His soul, unbroken throughout eternity. "My peace I give unto you" is His promise.

All is as quiet within as around Him. It is not the quiet of inaction or indifference, of a clod of earth or a stone; His mind is ever working and ever feeling, with an energy which to us is inconceivable; but yet His mind is never ruffled.

Second, He *exercises* peace. Look at Him as He trod our earth. The meek and quiet lamb was a type of Him. He bears long with His enemies. He bears much, too, with His friends.

Third, He *bestows* or *dispenses* peace. God is often called in Scripture the God of that which He communicates. In this way may our Lord be called the Prince of Peace. Our peace with God flows from Him. Peace of conscience and peace of mind are His gifts.

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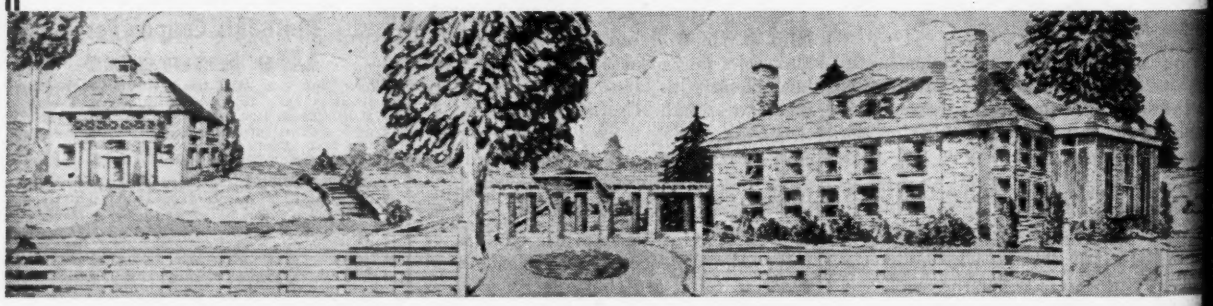
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